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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

February 7th. Scout Sunday.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Seeing The Face of God" from John 1:14-18. Boys from our church-sponsored Cub Pack will assist in worship as ushers. Hymns will be "Holy, Holy, Holy!" "Lord, I Want to be a Christian," and "O Master Workman of the Race."

February 14th.

Anna Marie Wilkins will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Seeing What's There" from II Corinthians 4:3-6. Hymns will include "O Worship the King," "He Leadeth Me," and "Be Thou My Vision."

February 21st. First Sunday in Lent.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we begin our Lenten Sundays. The meditation will be based on Genesis 9:8-15 and will be entitled "Under the Rainbow." The Hymn of the Month for Lent will be "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st." Other hymns will be "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

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PASTORAL CONCERNS

Miss Josephine Farmer is now at the Jefferson Family Care Home at 1133 State Road, Yanceyville.

Kenneth Clem is still in Memorial Hospital in Burlington, and Dorothy says he would enjoy having visitors. Good times to visit him are from 11 to 12 and from 3 to 4:30.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Anna Rose Law
Bessie Sloan
Christopher G. Powell

4 - Jane Alexander
Minnie Stickles

5 - Phil Edgerton

6 - Mark C. Rinker

7 - Greg Price
Andy Baxter
Shannon Albertson

8 - Sharon Rinker

9 - Jane Alexander Scroggs
Heidi Troxler

10 - Bobbie Scarlata

12 - Stephen C. Perry
Barry Oxford

14 - Walter Y. Boyd
Leigh-Ann Denny

15 - Eugenia Wagoner
Mark Ellis

16 - Minnie E. Hook
Howard Loy
Marsh McLelland
Joe Holt
Melissa J. Pendergrass

17 - Bertie Fields
Andrea Albertson

18 - Tina Powell

20 - Caroline E. Powell
Bertha K. Phillips

21 - Roland Longest
Brian Powell
Sarah Dale Sharpe

22 - Peachie Troxler

23 - Birdie Scott
John Pendergrass

24 - Dee Atkinson
Robert B. Terrell
Katie Poole

26 - Amy Vickers

A LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARIES:

December 20

Dear Friends at Elon College,

Many greetings from Mt. Selinda! Thank you all very very much for the 8 boxes which arrived 2 weeks ago. All the clothes for men, women and children are so very useful and appreciated.

I can't tell you how much it means to a mother who has no clothes, earns $30 a month and has 6 kids to get some new clothes. Many mothers deliver and have only an old rag to wrap their newborn in. (Think of our preparations at home for a new baby - heaps of clothes.)

Anyway, your generous gift has really helped many people and they thank you.

We are enjoying our work here at Mt. Selinda (I'm a nurse - Peter is a family practitioner). There are many frustrations, like no running water most of the time in the hospital.

The situation for many is very grim - mostly because of the war in Mozambique. 80% of our patients are Mozambicans so you can really see the results of the destruction of Mozambique by the M.N.R. A refugee camp nearby has swollen to 28,000 people. All the tea and coffee pickers are landless, migrant Mozambicans who can barely earn enough to feed their families.

The pediatric ward is full of kids with Kwashiorkor (protein malnutrition). T.B. also a desease of proverty is rampart. There's quite a bit of typhoid, too. And Aids is making its way from the cities to the rural areas.

Thank you again for your generous help. You can be sure you have helped some very destitute people this Christmas Season.

I hope 1988 is a joyful and peaceful year for all of you at Elon.

In Peace,

Emily Wesson

975,000 CAMPBELL LABELS WOULD MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE

In the last issue of "Our Children," Elon Homes for Children reported that 70,000 to 100,000 Campbell Soup labels and proofs of purchase would be needed to obtain various items for the campuses. Our goal has changed! We have set our sights much higher and really need your help to make a dream come true.

For the first time, the Campbell Soup Labels for Education Program is making available a 15 passenger Dodge Maxi-Wagon. With almost 100 youth on our two campuses and at Turner Group Home, vans are used to take them to and from school activities, medical/dental appointments, and church.

The requirement for the van is 975,000 labels and proofs of purchase. We now have almost 70,000. The remaining 905,000 will be needed by the last of January 1989. Exactly what is needed is listed in the enclosed Label-Gram.

For more information or promotional materials, please contact Mrs. Sherri Walker at the Elon Campus, P. O. Box 157, Elon College, N.C. Telephone (919) 584-0091. The labels can be sent to her also.

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Senior and Junior High Youth are sponsoring a spaghetti supper to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. It will be held in the Parish House on February 28th at 5:30 p.m. We hope everyone can make it. We are sure it will be an enjoyment for everyone. Tickets will be sold by the youth and Beth Lyon. Tickets for adults will be $4.00 and $2.00 for children under 12. For tickets call the church office at 584-0391. We'll be expecting to see you there.

Thank you,

Middle and Senior High Youth

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM BEGINS REGISTRATION

Do you have a child in grades K-5 who needs afterschool care? Those of you who answered yes to that question have a new option for the 1988-89 school year.

Church members will be given first priority for space in our new afterschool program. Registration for members will be February 15-19. Applications are available in the church office. We expect that there will be many more applicants than we can accommodate, so please get your application in by the 19th. Beginning February 22nd registration will be open to anyone in the community who has a child at A/O or Elon Elementary.

Cost is $25 per week. There will be a $25 registration fee. For further details contact Beth Lyon, Patricia Woody, Marie Wilkins, or Susan Barbee.

Needed

An encyclopedia geared to children (such as World Book) for the Children's library. If you have a fairly recent set that you are willing to donate, please contact Beth Lyon.

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O.D. ON T.V.?

How can you tell if you're watching too much television? The Reverend Harold Bales, pastor of Charlotte's First United Methodist Church, devised this test. You know that you are watching too much TV if:

- you can name all the characters on "As the World Turns" but can't remember the names of the twelve Disciples.
- you can anticipate in advance the outcome of a "Falcon Crest" episode but can't remember how the New Testament ends.
- you can recognize the local TV news reporter on the street but wouldn't know your next-door neighbor if you saw her standing on the porch.
- your cable TV bill is more each month than your contribution to your local church.
- you find yourself following, in your personal life, a script you've seen on your favorite soap opera.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1 -	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
2 -	10:00 a.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
3 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
7 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Student Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
9 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
10 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Ministry Task Force
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
14 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
	6:00 p.m.	Appreciation Supper for Church School Teachers
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
16 -	10:00 a.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
17 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
18 -	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
21 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
23 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Blue and Gold Banquet
24 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
25 -	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
28 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND AND FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

January was a heavy month for use of both of these facets of our church's mission to needy persons close to home. We appreciate the many gifts of food, which have gone out about as fast as they have come in. If you bring food in the immediate future we need canned meats such as tuna, salmon, etc.; canned fruits and fruit juices; cereals, grits, flour, etc ; and soups, in order to give balanced food packages to needy families. The next formal time for giving to the Good Samaritan Fund (which is nearly empty) is at our next communion service, on the first Sunday in Lent, February 21st, through the loose plate offering. But if you'd like to give to this cause you need not wait till then; send or bring a check made out to the church and subtitle "G.S.F." There are many grateful people whom we have helped out there!

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INQUIRER'S CLASS

Dr. Irvine will hold an Inquirer's Class for all persons interested in joining the Church, beginning on Sunday, February 14th at 9:45 a.m. in the Church Library.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING THEME SET

Each year during Lent, our congregation joins with many others in the United Church of Christ, and other denominations as well, to give generously to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

That cooperative effort is captured in this year's theme: PARTNERS IN GOD'S CREATION.

But the theme carries another equally important meaning. One Great Hour of Sharing is partnership, not paternalism. Our gifts support the relief and development work of partner churches and organizations overseas. And the recipients of our gifts--the hungry and homeless--are partners, too. We help provide the tools, you might say, but they provide the labor.

They dig the wells that bring fresh water to their fields and families.

They rebuild the homes devastated by earthquakes.

Our overseas partners may be poor in material things, but they are rich in spirit. Our gifts enable them to convert hope into reality--to build or rebuild the good lives that God intends for all people.

Their future depends in part upon our generosity now. That is why we are challenging members and friends of this church to give at least $25 to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Suppose every member of this church gave that? Over the last four years we gave these sums: $1,737, 1,931 (the year of the Ethiopian famine--which is returning), $1,310, and $1,599. But if we gave at an average of $25 per member, we would be over $9,000--a far more worthy gift to this great work done in the name of Christ all over the world.

Now everyone in our congregation cannot give at that level; but some can give at a higher level. If you set aside just one dollar on each day from the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, February 17th to OGHS Sunday, March 13th, you would have $25. You could make a special container from a tin can or box in which to keep those dollars. Or if you cannot make a gift that high, how about setting yourself a worthy goal according to your means, and giving toward it regularly? How about each member of your family having a goal and saving toward it? You might even start saving now instead of waiting for Ash Wednesday to begin.

One Great Hour of Sharing - con't.

The offerings will be collected on the second Sunday in March and a special offering envelope will be in the issue of the TORCH that comes out at the beginning of that month. Let's all be enthusiastic "Partners in God's New Creation!"

OGHS Committee of the

Board of Mission

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, sponsored by Church Women United will be held Friday, March 4, 1988 at 10:00 A.M., First Reformed United Church of Christ, 513 West Front Street, Burlington, N.C. The topic will be "Open Doors with Brazilian Women."

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The next meeting of the BOARD OF MISSIONS will be held on Sunday, February 14th at 5 p.m. We hope all members will plan to attend.

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Sincere thanks for the cards, visits, calls and prayers during my recent illness. Your concern means much.

Sam Foster

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LENTEN STUDY

Did you know that Christianity has been present in Russia for a millenium in 1988? Christians in Russia date the beginnings of the faith in that land to 988, when Prince Vladimir was baptized, followed by the baptism of the people of the principality of Kiev in the Ukraine.

In recognition of this event, and of our need as American Christians to understand better our fellow Christians who are citizens of the other superpower, Friendship Press asked the Rev. J. Martin Bailey, former editor of A.D. Magazine, and his wife Betty Jane Bailey, to prepare a study course on the subject of Russian Christianity for use in churches during 1988. The Baileys have made a number of trips to Russia. They have produced a most interesting and appealing resource.

Dr. Irvine will offer this course on Thursdays during Lent, in the mornings at 10:15, and evenings at 7:30 for those who cannot come during the day. It will begin February 18th. The student's book for this course cost $5.00. If you would like to take the course, please let the church office know by February 9th so we can order the materials in time.

Dr. Isabel Powell of the Greensboro College faculty has also visited in Russia recently in connection with this "millenial" celebration. She will be speaking to the Women's Fellowship on Saturday morning, March 12th, after its 9 a.m. breakfast, and showing slides of her trip. Everyone is invited to attend.

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WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Many thanks to Marie Wilkins, Mary Kimball, Robin McCraw, Reggie McLelland, Verona Danieley and Beth Lyon for the splendid Women's Sunday church service they conducted on January 31st. Those who were present came away inspired and more ready to face fear in the light of Christian faith for what they had heard.

1988 SENIOR CITIZEN LECTURE SERIES

TUESDAYS, 10 A.M. IN THE PARISH HOUSE

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Tuesday, March 22 - Bill West, photographer for Carolina Biological Supply Company, will present slides from his 1988 travels to Antarctica. Mr. West's presentations in previous years on East Africa and Alaska have been especially enjoyed by our audiences.

This Series is sponsored by the Church's Christian Education Board for the community at large. There is no charge for the lectures.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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If you have not already picked up your 1988 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES, they are available in the Church Office.

SAGE
Senior Adult Growth & Enrichment Program

ANNOUNCEMENT

Volunteer Opportunities

As you begin the new year and begin the search for new projects, please consider the needs of the residents in rest homes. The SAGE (Senior Adult Growth and Enrichment) Program, a part of the Alamance-Caswell Area Mental Health Center, is seeking volunteers to help improve the quality of life for elderly rest home and family care home residents.

There are several ways volunteers might become involved with residents and the following list identifies a few:

- friendly visiting
- adopt-a-grandparent
- field trips to parks or shopping centers
- playing bingo and other games
- arts and crafts
- reading to or writing letters for the residents
- bringing a pet to share
- baking cookies
- planting flowers and gardens
- providing music: tapes, records, live singing
- bringing a young child to visit

The opportunities for volunteer involvement with rest home residents are many and are unlimited. Many residents have no family or friends or support systems, and something as small as a friendly phone call once a month would make a major difference in their lives. We need your support.

Please contact Michele Galich or Lynette Mappes at 222-6553 for information about volunteer opportunities.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
Feb. 7	Marsh & Reggie McLelland	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Richardso
14	Bertie Fields/Mabel Veazey	K. Brown/B. Harper	Lyon
21	Robin & Patricia Woody	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Edwards
28	W.W. & Nell Snyder	R. Harris/T. Loy	Eyes

JANUARY STATISTICS

	Worship Attendance	Single Pledge	Current Expenses	Bene-volences	Building Fund
Jan. 3	86	$ 906.00	$1,539.05	$ 344.75	$ 11.00
10	94	1,445.00	820.75	134.00	14.00
17	122	523.50	1,378.93	268.50	38.50
24	150	527.00	1,007.72	265.50	19.50
31	146	402.00	937.83	93.50	9.00
Totals	598	3,803.50	5,684.28	1,106.25	92.00

	Current Expense	Benevolences
Annual Budget	$102,272.00	$11,950.00
Budget to date	8,522.67	995.83
Receipts to date	9,487.78	1,106.25

Challenge gifts for January:

Good Samaritan Fund/Food Closet	$337.36
Cornerstone Campaign	594.00
Allied Churches of Alamance	25.00
Habitat for Humanity	5.00
Challenge Fund Memorial	10.00

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January 17th.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Embrassassed Disciples" from John 1:35-42. Hymns for the day are "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "Faith of Our Fathers."

January 24th.

The sermon will be on the little book of Jonah in the Old Testament. Our pastor will preach on "Sidetracked Prophet, Sidetracked Readers." Hymns will be "From All That Dwell Below the Skies," "O God of Love, O King of Peace," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

January 31st.

This Sunday is celebrated across our denomination as "Women's Sunday." Plans for this service are incomplete at press time, but it will feature the life and work of women as Christians.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us keep in our prayers the Clem family. Kenneth Clem is in Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Al Hurst had cataract surgery on his right eye January 11th and is recovering.

Sam Foster is recuperating at home after pneumonia

Our sympathy is extended to Shirley Beyer and her family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Estelle Kallop, in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., December 22nd.

KINDLING THOUGHTS

In January we need to kindle a roaring fire, so here are some thoughts about courage, a roaring good quality to help get us through a difficult winter.

When Jane Carlisle was a school-girl in Scotland, the one thing she dreaded most of all was the flock of geese that waited in ambush to hiss at her when she returned from school, which more often than not made her take to her heels in abject fear. But when her class read in school the story of the brave Romans, she vowed to become a Roman herself, and when she came to the Rubicon of her past defeats, she walked by the enemy with firm tread, her outward mien giving no sign of her inward fright. In her diary that evening she wrote, "A Roman wouldn't have run away," and concluded that she had "this day deserved well of the Republic!"

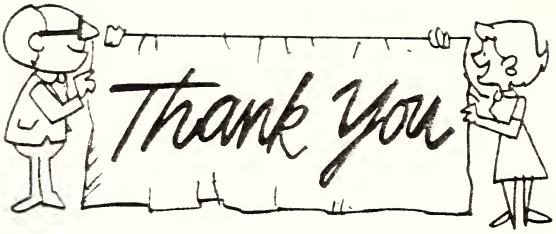
Note how she stirred up her inward gift by appropriating a larger "persona" or "self" from the world outside her. We can do better than that--because we are, as the New Testament so often reminds us, "in Christ." In other words, we can draw on his courage--which was undergirded by his great faith in God's goodness--to fire up our own. "God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and self control." In Christ!

There's a stanza in Washington Gladden's great hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," which is almost always omitted--and the hymn ends up being more bland for having dropped it. It goes like this:

"O Master, let me walk with Thee
Before the taunting Pharisee,
Help me to bear the sting of spite,
The hate of men who hide thy light,
The sore distrust of souls sincere
Who cannot read Thy judgments clear,
The dullness of the multitude
Who dimly guess that Thou art good."

Take courage!

JMI



The staff members are most appreciative of the many kindnesses each has received from church members during the recent holiday season. Especially we are grateful for the generous checks which came our way. We wish for all of you a most blessed 1988.

Stephen Ten Eyck

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YOUTH NEWS

January 14 & 15 - Ski Retreat at Blowing Rock.

January 17 - Youth Advisors meeting following the congregational meeting.

January 14 - 8 p.m. - Meet to plan Spaghetti Supper. Note time chang

January 31 - 12 noon - Pizza Lunch and important planning meeting to decide on winter and spring activities. Be there!

JANUARY CALENDAR

13 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

14 - 6:00 p.m. Elon College's Christian Community Banquet

17 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Board of Missions
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

19 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
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20 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
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February 28th. Second Sunday in Lent.

One of the most difficult incidents in the Gospels concerns a tree that Jesus apparently caused to die. Pastor Irvine will preach on "That Unfortunate Fig Tree" and the Scripture readings are Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14; 20-25; and Luke 13: 6-9. Hymns to be sung: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st," and "Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated."

March 6th. Third Sunday in Lent.

In preparation for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be received the next Sunday, March 13th, our Pastor will preach on the OGHS theme for this year, "Partners in God's New Creation." New members will be received. Further details will be in the next issue of the TORCH.

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PASTORAL CONCERNS

Audrey Shumar is in County Hospital. Ken Clem is in Memorial Hospital and Dorothy had laser surgery at Duke Eye Clinic on February 16th. Sam Foster came through a cataract operation well on February 15th. Virginia Richardson is recovering from a broken ankle and other injuries after a fall February 9th; she is in a respite room on the second floor of the main building at Twin Lakes. In addition to these people, remember Bessie Sloan at Twin Lakes in your prayers.

KINDLING THOUGHTS

The other day, as the most recent cold snap began to fade, I went out into the yard to see how the bulbs were coming along, and to my amazement, yellow crocus were in full bloom. It was not yet Valentine's Day, and bulbs had burst into the color of sunshine. No bird was yet singing a spring song, but somebody forgot to tell the crocus. Not only that, but I had planted them rather late in the fall, and expected them to be up late as a result! It was the earliest I have ever seen crocus bloom. And then I noticed the red maple in the front yard seemed about to burst into twigs ruby with buds, and recalled I thought I had heard spring peepers some nights earlier.

I was reminded of a story--about the fellow up north who volunteered to sit up all night at the wake of a friend. Wakes in the north are sometimes held in church buildings and can become more boisterous than the quiet rituals of funeral home visitations in the south. Some of the volunteer's friends thought it would be a blast to play a joke on him, so they replaced the corpse with one of their number who was very much alive.

The volunteer who was to sit through the night beside the coffin had fortified himself with sufficient quantities of stout ale so that he was unable to focus too well, and noticed nothing amiss. In the dead of the night, the presumed corpse sat up in the coffin and called out the name of the watcher. The fellow who was to be the butt of the joke didn't quite follow the script, however; instead of panicking, he walked over to the coffin, pushed the very much alive cadaver back down in it, and said, "If you're dead, lie down and act like it!"

"If it's too early, crocus, why don't you lie down and act like it!" On the other hand, the flip side of that punch line is, "If you are alive, get up and act like it!" And that's just what the crocus bulbs had done. They didn't seem to care that the temperature had just been down in the low teens or that the wind chill factor was even worse. They were possessed of a resurrection faith and had answered the call, "Arise!"

I've seen a good bit of that around the church recently--fresh energy flowing in boards and committees as they plan for this coming year's work, people looking at old problems in new ways, a can-do spirit. "If you are alive get up and act like it!" Aliveness is contagious. Lent is a time to get in closer touch with Jesus, who was so fully alive he awakened new life in those whose lives he touched. Acting like it is so helps it become so. We more often act our way into faith than we believe our way into faith.

-JMI

YOUTH NEWS EVENTS

Fri., Feb. 19 - 8:30 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Lock-in with New Hampshire group.

Sun., Feb. 28 - 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Congratulations to Katie Brown who has been chosen as a participant in the National Youth Event for UCC senior highs from all over the U.S.! It will be held at Grinnell College in Iowa, July 7-11, 1988. We're all proud of you, Katie!

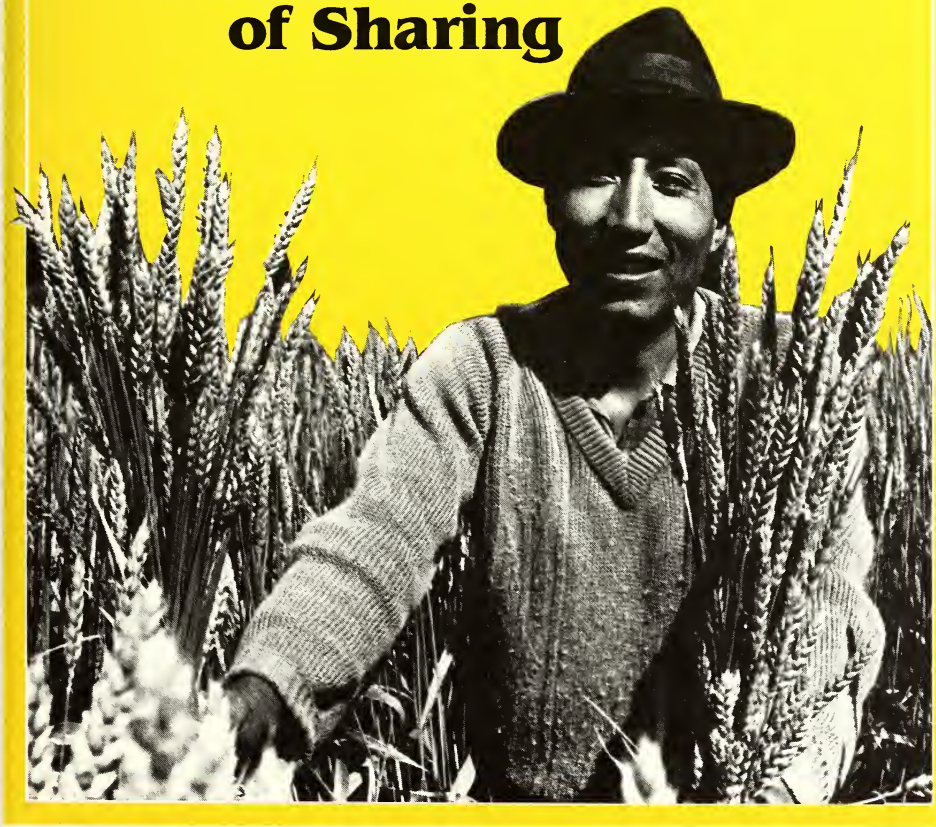
You may remember that Youth Travel was a challenge gift item in this year's budget. Total cost of this trip is $460. The Southern Conference will pay no more than 1/3. We should consider ourselves challenged! Some money will be needed immediately as deposits on lodging and air fare.

NEWS FLASH!

The Southern Conference camps have just released their schedule of Summer Camps. There will be three different choices for those entering grades 7-8 in the fall, two camps for those entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, as well as a senior high camp. A half week beginners camp for rising 3rd graders and a youth fellowship unit camp. For more details see Beth Lyon.

Partners in God's new creation

One Great Hour of Sharing



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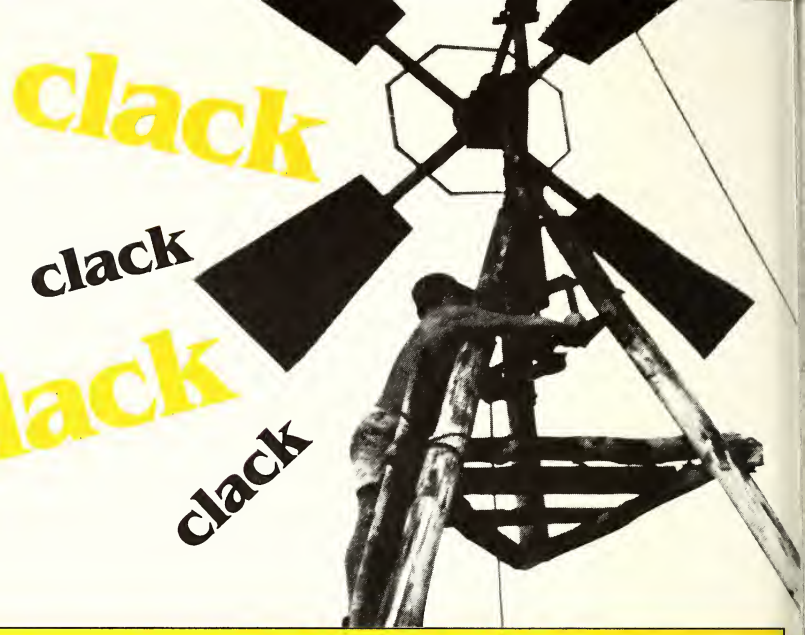

A late afternoon breeze strikes a windmill with sudden force, and the rotating blades break the silence of a summer day. It is a new sound in the community of Paiján, Peru — a new sound and a symbol of hope.

Eight hundred farm families live in and around Paiján on land that is barely suitable for plowing.

A tidal wave years ago left a legacy of crusty salt deposits on ground that was already dry, barren, and hard as rock.

Then something remarkable happened. The farmers of Paiján sought assistance from Servicio Evangélico Peruano de Acción Social (SEPAS), a Christian partner agency through which Church World Service works in Peru. With modest technical help and the financial assistance from churches in the United States, the farmers began to dig wells — by hand, sometimes resorting to hammers, chisels, and sheer will to break the resistant rock. They built the windmills from odds and ends of locally available material.

They flushed the salt from their fields, little by little. Finally, they constructed catchment reservoirs to store the precious water, now flowing freely from the wells.

Today the farmers grow food crops where only scrub plants grew before. Today they have enough food to feed their families and some left over to sell.

In Paiján, Peru, the windmills are a creation of hands and ingenuity. The partnership that made it all possible is a creation of the heart.

Give to make a difference through

One Great Hour of Sharing

United Church of Christ

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

18	-	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
19	-	8:30 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Lock-in with New Hampshire group
21	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Student Supper
23	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Blue and Gold Banquet
24	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
25	-	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
		7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
28	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper

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Remember the next Senior Citizen's Lecture on March 1st. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Young will share some of their impressions of the Far East, from their fall '86 trip. Though these lectures were planned with the senior citizens in mind all ages are invited. Please join us!

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	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	8,301.78	10,837.25
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	118.80	576.86
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	187.40	194.85
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	13.79	0.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	88.00	141.93
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	8,709.77	11,750.89
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	110.40	174.91
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	800.00	0.00
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	910.40	174.91
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	38.00	10.25
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	0.00	31.76
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	708.64	714.97
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	746.64	756.98
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	124.00	168.37
Total Personnel-Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	765.84	769.42
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	889.84	937.79
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	2,002.00	1,911.36
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	508.08	520.71
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	134.96	100.32
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	2,645.04	2,532.39
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	3,704.40	2,972.93
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	12.00	19.15
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	3,716.40	2,992.08
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	368.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	9,276.32	7,394.15
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	(566.55)	4,356.74

The Senior and Junior High Youth are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. It will be held in the Parish House on February 28th at 5:30 p.m. We hope everyone can make it. We are sure it will be an enjoyment for everyone. Tickets for adults are $4.00 and $2.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be available after church or by calling the church office at 584-0391. We'll be expecting to see you there.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MEETING MARCH 12TH

Dr. J. Earl Danieley will prepare the breakfast for the General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Isabel Powell, of the faculty at Greensboro College. She will speak on the trip to Russia she took last year in connection with the millennial celebration of Christianity in the USSR. She will be going again this summer. As part of her presentation she will show slides.

All who are interested are invited to attend, both men and women. Please notify the church office by Thursday, March 10th, so Dr. Danieley will know how many to prepare for.

This Torch contains the Church's Financial Statement for the month ending January 31, 1988 together with comparative 1987 information and 1988 budget information. Because there is so much data, the page has been reduced in order to fit this Torch. If anyone has trouble reading this smaller print, please contact the church office and we will arrange a larger copy for you.

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ATTENTION PARENTS AND YOUTH: DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM

Are you concerned about the effects of drugs and alcohol on the youth of our country? You are invited to a public awareness prevention program entitled PARENTS HELPING YOUTH: DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, MONDAY FEBRUARY 29, 1988 7-8:30 p.m at Williams High School Auditorium. We can make a difference. Prevention is the Goal. Education for all age students is the key.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, sponsored by Church Women United will be held Friday, March 4, 1988 at 10:00 A.M., First Reformed United Church of Christ, 513 West Front Street, Burlington, N.C. The topic will be "Open Doors with Brazilian Women."

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THE TORCH

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

March 13th. Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "The Banishment of Condemnation" from II Chronicles 36:14-23, John 3:14-21, and Romans 8:1-11. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received. Hymns to be sung are "Crown Him With Many Crowns," the OGHS theme hymn, and "Lead On, O King Eternal."

March 20th. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Our pastor's sermon will be entitled "The Way to God's Heart." Read Psalm 51. Hymns will be "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud," "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

March 27th. Palm Sunday. The choir will present a special musical piece. More details will be available in next week's TORCH.

March 31st. Maundy Thursday. Communion service, 7:00 p.m.

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PASTORAL CONCERNS

Roland Longest is in Duke Hospital.

Lois Bost and Aileen Inabinett are both home after stays in Memorial Hospital.

Bessie Sloan continues a shut-in at Twin Lakes. Virginia Richardson is back in her apartment there, mending from a broken leg. Kenneth Clem continues at Memorial Hospital.

TORCH ISSUE A WEEK LATE

Thanks to the flu epidemic, this first-of-the-month issue of the TORCH is coming out a week late. Roberta Starr, our faithful church secretary and editor of the TORCH, didn't get into the office until Friday last week after a flu bout, just in time to get the church bulletin ready for Sunday. We plan to be back on schedule next week with a mid-month issue.

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The following were received into membership Sunday morning March 6th:

By letter of transfer:

Richard McBride from First Baptist Church, Hillsborough, N.C.

Carolyn Messick from Plymouth United Methodist Church, Plymouth, N.C.

Roberta Starr from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Va.

Jim Starr on profession of faith.

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YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to all those who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser for the Good Samaritan Fund. We raised over $170 and 14 kids and 4 adults had a great time doing it. Maybe by next year I'll have the smell of garlic and onions off of my hands!

Some dates to put on your calendars:

Sunday, March 6. 10:45 a.m.
We'll kick off our Religious Faiths Study with a trip to visit the Sikh Temple in Durham. They're having an anniversary celebration that's open to the community that we can take advantage of for our study. Be ready to go right after Church School. We'll be back by 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 13. 5:30 p.m.
Meet at the church to go together to the evening service at the Assemblies of God Church. As our religious faiths study continues, we'll get to visit other Christian groups to see how they do things.

Note: The roller skating originally scheduled for this date has been moved to March 27 - same time, same place.

Saturday, March 19.
Playground Workday - help us raise a playground at Elon College Community Church.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 18-20
Confirmation Retreat at BRAG.

Sunday, March 27. 10:30 a.m.
Trip to Cane Creek Friends Meeting. We'll stop for lunch and see historic Snow Camp.

THE PLAYGROUND IS GOING UP!!!

Workdays for our new playground have been scheduled for Saturday, March 19 and Saturday, March 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our committee needs YOU to come out and lend a hand. The Pennsylvania Dutch have a saying, "Many hands make light work." Let's make this workday as light as possible!

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DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS! A CONTAINER IS IN THE NARTHEX TO COLLECT THESE LABELS.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 - Martin T. Rose

4 - Scott Dill
John M. Irvine, Sr.

5 - Annie Ruth Parker

6 - Al Carpenter

8 - Andre Wilkins

9 - Ann Maggio

10 - Patsy Oliver

11 - Carol Dollar
Jane G. Watts

14 - Vera Dixon

15 - Lee Anne Blanchard
Lucy Hughes
Jane McLelland
Michael L. Byers
Mary Lynn Brafford
Beverly Beyer

19 - William J. Andes
Faye Conally

20 - Kevin Artley
Evelyn Terrell
Kristin Powell

21 - Kim Perry

22 - Gerry Oxford

24 - Gertrude Irvine

26 - J. William Matlock
Kenneth C. Harper

29 - Travis Loy

30 - Cary R. Matlock
Nancy Sharpe
Jeff MacKenzie

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A heartfelt "thank you" to all the people who have sent food, flowers, and cards, who have helped with our lawn, who have provided transportation, and who have visited Ken in the hospital. Everybody has done it in such a wonderful spirit! Words cannot say how grateful I am.

Dorothy Clem

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Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	27.58	100.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	88.00	153.21
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	17,084.34	20,119.24
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	220.80	429.91
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Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	1,820.80	429.91
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	76.00	293.38
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	0.00	31.76
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	1,417.28	1,256.91
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	1,493.28	1,582.05
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	248.00	600.11
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	1,531.68	1,350.14
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	1,779.68	1,950.25
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	4,004.00	5,228.81
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	1,016.16	894.05
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	269.92	252.30
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	5,290.08	6,375.16
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Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	7,408.80	5,179.31
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	24.00	19.15
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	7,432.80	5,198.46
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	736.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	18,552.64	15,535.83
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	(1,468.30)	4,583.41

MARCH CALENDAR

1 - 10:00 a.m. Senior Citizen's Lecture
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

2 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

3 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group

6 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
3:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
4:00 p.m. Church Council
5:30 p.m. Student Dinner
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

8 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

9 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Habitat Publicity Committee

10 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group
7:30 p.m. Men's Fellowship Committee

12 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Breakfast

13 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

14 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class

15 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

16 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

17 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group

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MARCH CALENDAR - continued -

18 - 20 - Confirmation Retreat - BRAG

19 - 9:00 a.m. Playground Workday

20 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

21 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class

22 -10:00 a.m. Senior Citizen's Lecture
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

23 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

24 -10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group

26 - 9:00 a.m. Playground Workday
9:30 a.m. "Tough Live" Regional Meeting, Parish House

27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Youth Group
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Student Dinner
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

28 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

29 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

30 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

31 - 7:00 p.m. Manudy Thursday Communion Service

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
A Pastoral Letter to Local Congregations
From Heads of Member Communions of the
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Grace and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from this evil age, according to the will of God to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

On this third Sunday of Lent, many Christians are reflecting on these passages from the Ten Commandments:

"I am the lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me...You shall not kill." (Ex. 20:2-3,13)

Our churches have pondered these words carefully in recent years in relationship to nuclear weapons. We have asked ourselves whether we have not made of these weapons idols like unto pagan gods, whether we have not relied more upon the doctrine of nuclear deterrence than on the Lord of History as the ultimare source of our security. Similar questions have been asked by Christians in the Soviet Union and in other lands whose arsenals overflow. In thorough, searching studies, the bishops and highest governing bodies of many of our churches have been constrained to confess that to run the arms race is indeed to run after false gods. It is also to distance ourselves from other members of the human family by calling them "enemy" - even from those with whom we profess to be one in the Body of Christ.

We have not been content to accept this separation from God and from our brothers and sisters, but have asked God's forgiveness and rededicated our lives as churches and as persons to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We have developed peacemaking programs in local congregations and in national church bodies. We have worked hard to reverse the arms race..

In 1979, church leaders from the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and from the Soviet Union met in Geneva, Switzerland, and adopted a common statement entitled "Choose Life." Committed to one another in the unity of Christ's Church, we pledged ourselves to work and pray together for a halt to the arms race.

In this same spirit, delegations from both countries' churches kept a prayer vigil in Calvin's Chapel alongside St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva, as President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev held their first summit meeting in 1985. Again, last December, at the National Cathedral in Washington, we joined in prayer, this time giving thanks for the conclusion of the first arms agreement in a decade between the two most powerful nations on earth.

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

On each of those occasions, you, Christians in local congregations around the United States, joined with us and Christians in the U.S.S.R. in prayer. God has heard and responded to our prayers. Thanks be to God.

As we write, the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty signed at the Washington, D.C. summit meeting is under consideration for ratification in the United States Senate. We believe it to be an arms treaty of great significance. For the first time since the nuclear arms race began, there is agreement to eliminate a whole class of nuculear weapons, armaments which some experts regard as the most destabilizing and dangerous in the world. The hands of the "doomsday clock" of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists were moved away from midnight for the first time in many years.

We are grateful to President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev, whose considerable efforts to reconcile differences through negotiation have made this treaty possible. Their accomplishment deserves a resounding vote of confidence. We invite you to join us in prayer that the Senate will ratify the treaty without amendment, this helping to turn back the tide of arms that threatens to engulf the globe.

Our nations' leaders did not stop there, though, and neither should our efforts. U.S.-Soviet negotiations are now proceeding toward a strategic nuclear weapons pact, which should be concluded in time for the next Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting in Moscow. Other discussions are being held on a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing, and mutual reductions in conventional weapons and forces. We pray that all these efforts will be successful, that they will help prevent the spread of arms into space, and that the day may be brought even nearer when all humankind may be freed from the nightmare of nuclear war.

These thoughts and prayers we share with you in the light of the prophetic vision that peace will be the effect of righteousness (Is.32:17), and knowing that the harvest of justice is sown in peace by those who make peace (Ja. 3:16-18). The peace for which we long is not merely the absence of war, nor is it guaranteed by the absense of weapons. Lasting peace must be based on justice for all God's children.

The grace of Jesus, the Christ who is our peace and who came that all might have the fulness of life, be with you all.

YOUTH DINNER A DELIGHT

In spite of the flu "bug" invasion, our youth group turned out in force to prepare and serve an excellent spaghetti dinner this past Sunday evening in our Parish House. They raised $182.74 for the church's Good Samaritan Fund. Congratulations to Beth Lyon and her crew of 14 young people and 3 adults, who served approximately 70 meals.

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H.E.L.P. Conference '88
9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 19, 1988
Long Student Center, Elon College

"Families Peace-ing It Together"
(Nurturing Children for a Peaceful World"
led by James and Kathy McGinnis

Save the day! This will be a first-rate family experience for moms, dads, single parents, children (ages 6 and up) and teens - grandparents, too! Jim and Kathy McGinnis, authors of Parenting for Peace and Justice, are much sought-after workshop leaders throughout the country. We are fortunate to have them in Alamance County! Using inter-generational exercises (and mime and clowning), we will discover how to be compassionate and caring people. Cost: $10 for individuals and single parent families; $15 for couples or couples with children. Bring something for a potluck picnic lunch. Yes, children free! Registration required. Call ACAC Office at 229-0881 or Richard McBride at 584-2409.

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"VOLUNTEERS NEEDED"

FAMILY ABUSE SERVICES IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST BATTERED WOMEN AND ABUSED CHILDREN. TRAINING WILL BEGIN MARCH 22. CALL 226-5982 TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
Mar. 6	John and Ellie Ketcham	E. Woody/A. Rose	Holt
13	Bill and Jackie Pendergrass	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Boyd
20	Della Scott and Lois Luke	K. Brown/B. Harper	Noah
27	Earl and Verona Danieley	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Kittenger

	Nursery	Children's Church
Mar. 6	Edith Shotzberger	George or Carole Troxler
13	Jackie Pendergrass	Ann or R. J. Acquilano
20	Bobbie Scarlata	Julie or Jeff MacKenzie
27	Nell Snyder	Sheree Smith

Worship Attendance for February

7	188	21	156
14	130	28	110

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RED TIDE RELIEF

Governor James G. Martin has written all the churches in the state asking for private assistance to the many fishermen's families whose livelihood has been put in jeopardy by the "Red Tide," which makes shellfish poisonous to humans.

The State of North Carolina has donated $120,000 from contingency and emergency funds, but Governor Martin says that will not last long. He is asking church members to donate aid for these people. Checks may be made out to Operation: Red Tide, c/o Division of Emergency Management, 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27603-1335. He adds, "And please remember, time is of the essence."

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

March 20th. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Our pastor's sermon will be entitled "The Way to God's Heart." Read Psalm 51. Hymns will be "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud," "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

March 27th. Palm/Passion Sunday.

If the weather permits, we will begin this service out on the front steps of the sanctuary and then all move inside together in a processional with palm branches. If the weather is unsuitable, the congregation will be seated in the sanctuary and the service will begin at the back, the choir and worship leaders forming the processional. The Passion story according to Mark will be read, with the congregation taking some of the parts. Dr. Irvine will preach on Philippians 2:5-11, the Epistle lection for the day. His sermon will be entitled "And In One Bound Our Hero..." The choir will sing an exceptionally beautiful "Requiem" by Puccini. Hymns will include "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine," and "Go To Dark Gethsemane."

March 31st, 7:00 p.m. Manudy Thursday.

A service of candles and communion entitled "A Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow" will mark this special occasion during Holy Week. Gathering first around a symbolic Passover meal, and recalling our Lord's footsteps through his valley of the shadow of death, we will end by coming forward to the table for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Hymns will include "O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile," "Ah, Holy Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord," and "Rock of Ages." The loose plate offering will go to the church's Good Samaritan Fund.

April 3rd. Easter.

At our 11 a.m. worship service Dr. Irvine will preach on Mark 16:1-8, probably the most unusual of all the tellings of the Easter morning story in the gospels. His sermon will be entitled "Trembling on the Brink." Hymns will include "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain," and "The Day of Resurrection."

ALAMANCE HABITAT'S FIRST GROUNDBREAKING

The local Habitat group will break ground for its first house this Sunday, March 20th, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come share in this historic occasion. Since the lot practically adjoins the Allied Churches of Alamance County Ministries Building lot (the former Burlington Police Station on Fisher Street, which now houses the Shelter for the Homeless, and eventually will house the Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen), everyone is invited to park there, and walk to the site.

Wear work clothes and bring a shovel - better yet, bring two shovels in case someone comes without one. Everyone will break ground together.

Carolyn Messick, one of our newest church members and an active participant on the Habitat Publicity Committee, has painted a large sign which will be erected on the site. Carolyn has designed the organization's logo, and helped greatly in the production of the first issue of Alamance Habitat News, which was published last week. Copies are available in our narthex.

A brief worship celebration will accompany the groundbreaking; Dr. Irvine has written two hymns to familiar tunes for the occasion. The house is scheduled for completion in time to be dedicated by Millard Fuller when he comes through Burlington accompanied by many friends on his "House-Raising Walk '88" from Portland, Maine, to Atlanta, August 17th. That Walk, to celebrate Habitat for Humanity International's Twelfth Anniversary, will be 1,200 miles long, take 12 weeks, and seek to raise $1,200,000 for HFH projects. Along its route it will pass over 80 HFH local affiliates which will be raising at least 120 houses! (A second house will be raised here during the week the walk comes through). Former President Jimmy Carter will work in Philadelphia (10 houses) one week and Atlanta (20 houses) another week during the Walk.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Initial contributions to this year's OGHS offering have totaled $1,133.00. Last year our church gave $1,599.00. In 1985 (the year the Ethiopian famine was on our TV screens) we gave $1,931.00.

If you have not yet given to this world-wide ministry for relief and development, how about writing a check to the church and subtitle it OGHS? You too can be a Partner in God's New Creation. If you have given, thank you.

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THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER recently held at First Reformed Church UCC was attended by eight members of our church. A highlight of the meeting was the recognition of Mrs. Gertrude Irvine who was National Chairman of The World Day of Prayer from 1950-1953. Since then she has worked in various ways on the programs, writing the Call to Prayer several times. Mrs. Irvine is the mother of our pastor.

Reggie McLelland

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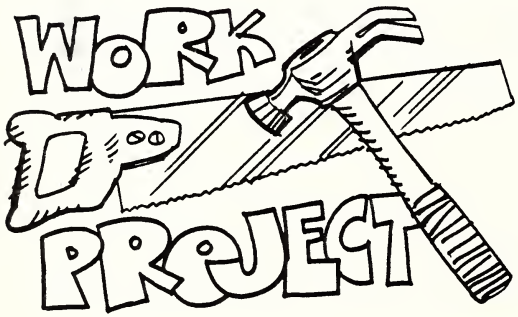

THE PLAYGROUND IS GOING UP!!!!

Workdays for our new playground have been scheduled for Saturday, March 19 and Saturday, March 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our committee needs YOU to come out and lend a hand. The Pennsylvania Dutch have a saying, "Many hands make light work." Let's make this workday as light as possible!

KINDLING THOUGHTS

Even before the AIDS epidemic began to put the brakes on the runaway exercise of undisciplined sexuality in our society, there were signs that sexual freedom was losing some of its appeal. I saw an ad for a book that read "The ultimate erotic challenge is not in racing from bed to bed, but in the quest for HIGH MONOGAMY: a long-term relationship in which both partners are voluntarily committed to erotic exclusivity, not because of timidity and inertia, but because it is what they WANT." "Well!" I thought, "the wheel has come full circle at last!" Sooner or later the idea that we can live without discipline collapses from some mysterious inner gravity of its own:

"Me this uncharted freedom tires;
I feel the weight of chance desires..."

I was reminded of what Edmund Burke said in the 18th century concerning the absolute need for self-discipline in a free society: "Men (sic) are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put chains upon their own appetites....Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite is placed somewhere; and the less of it there is within, the more of it there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

Some years ago I attended a five-day human relations workshop at a conference center in Maryland. Another workshop was running concurrently at the same site, and to my surprise, the lovely wife of an old friend of mine from seminary days was enrolled in it. We met briefly at lunch and caught up on our family histories. After hours that evening she came over to where I was sitting, sat down, and for a conversational opener, asked me what I was thinking about. For some reason I cannot now remember, I happened to have just recalled some vivid words by an English literary critic concerning the famous preacher-poet John Donne. (I don't usually recall things literary critics say, but at that moment I had happened to.) The passage I had recalled goes like this: "...always in the end his sermons come back, as a great wave covers the bare and desolate places of the shore, and he remembers his felicity as a prisoner of God, manacled by the mercies of his Saviour, saved from the dissolute liberties of eternal death." I knew that was a far cry from anything she might have been expecting to hear, but she'd asked me what I was thinking about, so I quoted to her the last few phrases, which had come to mind.

She gave me a hard look and replied, "I used to know what that meant, but it doesn't say a damned thing to me where I'm at now," got up, walked away, and didn't speak to me again except for a brief good-bye the day we left to go home. I heard during the course of the workshop that she had been an extraordinarily difficult person for others in her workshop to deal with; and I heard about a year later that her marriage to my friend had broken apart irreparably. I have always wondered if there wasn't a connection between the theological migration of her life and the dissolution of her relationships in a quest for freedom that had gone overboard. (I did learn from this that answering truthfully may alienate even when you don't expect it to.)

Lent is a time for the increase of our sense of discipline; a time when we touch again the awareness that we need to be saved from our "dissolute liberties" of many kinds that add up to death rather than life. "Manacled by the mercies of the Saviour"! The phrase still arrests; ponder it between now and Easter, if you dare.

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"IDEAS EVENT"

At Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, on April 15-16, Southern Conference church folk will gather for an event which will offer opportunities for bringing back to their home churches new insights and program ideas in a number of different aspects of church work. This is one of two such events in the Conference (the other is at Franklinton Center April 22-23).

There will be eight program seminars offered and each person attending may attend two. They are: "The Struggle of UCC Women: Past, Present, Future" (Women's Fellowship); "When Men Meet--Nine programs" (Men's Fellowship); "Introduction to the Pilgrimage Retreat Movement in the UCC" (Church Life and Leadership); "Stewardship in the Black Church: Financing and Talents" (Black Church Development); "So You Want Young Adults To Come To Your Church School" (Christian education); "Evangelism: How Can We Do It?" (Evangelism); "Stewardship is More than Money" (Stewardship); "In the Local Church": Building Effective Strategies for Education and Action" (Christian Social Ministries.)

The inspirational speaker for the event at B.R.A.G. will be Dr. Dale Bishop, Middle East Secretary for the United Church Board for World Ministries.

The program begins at 7 Friday evening and ends at 4 Saturday afternoon. The cost is $20.00 for staying in dorms of $25.00 for staying in the Lodge or duplex cottages. Registration forms are available in the church office.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

This marks the beginning of a new feature in the Torch. In each issue you'll find out what's happening in a different church school class.

Did you know that a movie is in production at our church? Filming for "Nancy's Dilemma" begins Sunday in the Youth Class (grades 6 thru 12). The class has written their own ending to this modern adaptation of the story of Jonah. Later in March the movie will be shown in the elementary class. The project has been a real attendance booster according to teachers Robin and Chip McCraw. The movie may star as many as 9 players.

YOUTH NEWS

Some dates to put on your calendars:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 18-20
Confirmation Retreat at BRAG.

Saturday, March 19 9:00 a.m. PLAYGROUND WORK DAY

Sunday, March 20 10:30 a.m.
Trip to Cane Creek Friends Meeting. We'll stop for lunch and see historic Snow Camp.

Saturday, March 26 9:00 a.m. PLAYGROUND WORK DAY

Sunday, March 27 5-7 p.m. Roller Skating

Saturday, April 2 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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THE Youth will sponsor an EASTER EGG HUNT for all children of the church (friends welcome on Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine.

Parents of youth or children who are interested in helping, please see Beth Lyon.

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LUNCHEON AFTER LAST LECTURE IN SERIES

After Bill West's program on Antarctica on Tuesday morning, March 22, everyone is invited to remain at the Parish House for a luncheon to be prepared by Holt Sutton. Cost is $1.00 per person.

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REMEMBER THE EASTER MORNING FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST ON APRIL 3RD AT 8:30 A.M. WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO ATTEND.

Board of Christian Education

MARCH CALENDAR

16 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

17 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group

18 - 20 Confirmation Retreat - BRAG

19 - 9:00 a.m. Playground Workday

20 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

21 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class

22 - 10:00 a.m. Senior Citizen's Lecture
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

23 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

24 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
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26 - 9:00 a.m. Playground Workday
9:30 a.m. "Tough Love" Regional Meeting, Parish House

27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Youth Group
2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Student Dinner
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

28 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

29 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

30 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

31 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

CROP WALK CELEBRATION

On Sunday afternoon, March 6, the fifth annual CROP Celebration was held to honor individuals and churches who contributed to the $115,001.50 total for CROP Walk '87. Another record-breaking year, up 2.4% above the previous year! Elon College Community Church was noted as achieving a 32% increase with a total of $1,638. Eighteen UCC churches collectively raised $21,557, an 8% increase.

Dr. Earl Danieley was honored as the #8 Walker among the 4000 participants, having raised $772. Walkers raising $100 or more included Nancy Lu Irvine and Ellie Ketcham. $50 Walkers include Al Carpenter, Ray Covington, Eugene Grimley, Julia Morris (a college student who attends our church), and Tom and Faye Conally (each!). Patches and awards will be presented in an upcoming worship service.

CROP Walk "88 is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 1988. The Shalom Ribbon begun last year is expected to encircle the track at the Burlington stadium. Churches are invited to make ribbon sections which depict world hunger needs and our response. "Imagine! A World Without Hunger."

Local organizations were presented checks representing 25% of the funds raised. Meals on Wheels, the Food Box Program of the Alamance County Community Services Organization, the Good Shepherd Community Kitchen, the Salvation Army, and the Homeless Shelter received checks totaling $25,375! With the Walk we help our neighbors both far and near!

Ten churches raised more than $2,000. Elon College Community Church missed that distinction by only $362. Let's make $2,000 or more our goal in 1988!

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ALAMANCE FRIENDS OF YOUTH

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO BE A BEST FRIEND AND POSITIVE ROLE MODEL TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU LOVE TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, AND CAN SPEND 3 HOURS PER WEEK TO ENRICH A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE, CONTACT ALAMANCE FRIENDS OF YOUTH. 228-7563.

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April 10th.

Beth Lyon will preach on "Easter People." The Scriptures will be Acts 4:32-35, I John 1:1-2:2, and John 20:19-31. Hymns will be "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day," "Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er," and "Thine Is the Glory." The new Boy Scout Troop #51, co-sponsored by our church and the Elon College Exchange Club, will receive its charter. Dr. Irvine will be away on vacation.

April 17th.

Our guest preacher for the morning will be Dr. Dale Bishop, Secretary for the Middle East Office of the United Church Board for World Ministries in New York City. Details will be available in the next TORCH.

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CHURCH COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

The Church Council is called to meet briefly in the Adult Bible Class room at 10:45 Easter Sunday, April 3rd. An explanation of the matter which will be considered is being mailed to members of the Council.

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Deadline for nominations for the Women's Fellowship Scholarship is May 1. Nominees who are members of our Church who plan to enter the ministry,full-time Christian service, or human services may be considered. Please give names to Verona Danieley.

REPORT FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met on Sunday afternoon, March 6, with all members of the Council present.

Reports were heard from Dr. John Irvine, pastor; John Ketcham, Treasurer; Robin Woody, Chairman of the Board of Deacons; Fred Loy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Ray Covington, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education; and Ellie Ketcham, Chairman of the Board of Missions.

- Earl Danieley, Moderator

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CHURCH SURVEY TO BE TAKEN IN APRIL

In the next several weeks, students from Elon College will be contacting every family unit in the congregation with a survey document concerning various aspects of our congregational life.

Dr. Martin Shotzberger, a member of our congregation and a professor of Business Administration at Elon College, is teaching a class in Marketing this semester, which involves students learning about the taking of surveys. He saw in his need for a major class project an opportunity for the church to have a picture of its members' attitudes and understandings as we begin to do some long-range planning this year, and offered the staff and Church Council the opportunity to have the survey be taken in the church. The Council approved the project at a meeting on February 21, 1988. The questionnaire produced is the result of much consultation. Participation is not mandatory, but we hope everyone will be willing to take part. The students involved will be juniors or seniors at the College. Expect a call from one soon. Filling out the questionnaire will not take a lot of time.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Every week five active 3-5 year olds gather for church school, led by teachers Sue Brown and Susan Bremmer, a student at Elon College. Using the "Knowing the Word" curriculum for pre-schoolers, the children learn stories from the Bible. Lately they have heard about Zacchaeus, Mary and Martha, and Palm Sunday. The children are given leaflets to take home each week with stories and activities. They have also done some interesting projects in past weeks. Colorful wind socks are being created for Easter with the words "Jesus is Alive!" on them. In past weeks the children have hung pine cones with string for birds to build their nests. It's always a lively classroom.

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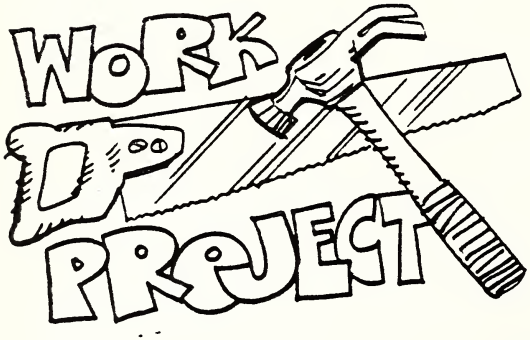

WORKDAY! WORKDAY! WORKDAY!

Bad weather had delayed our start on the new playground. We need YOU to turn out this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to get this project off the ground. For details contact Robin Woody.

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Congratulations to Linda Smith Sonovick and James Richard McAdams, Jr. who were wed on Sunday, March 20, 1988. Linda is the daughter of Mrs. Goldie Smith.

APRIL CALENDAR

2 - 9:00 a.m. Playground Work Day
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

3 - 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Church Council
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

4 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Circle 3

5 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Church Library

6 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

10 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Student Supper
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

11 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

12 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

13 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

15 - 16 - BRAG Ideas Conference

17 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

18 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Troop 51 Committee

19 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Board - Ebezener UCC
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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APRIL CALENDAR - continued

20	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
21	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
24	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:30 p.m.	Student Supper
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
25	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
26	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
27	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
28	-		District Men's Fellowship - St. John's UCC
29	-	8:00 p.m.	Youth Lock-In

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Doris Brafford
2 - George Troxler
Chris Bunting
Scott White
3 - Willard White
4 - Lynn Denny
6 - Roberta Starr
7 - Robert L. Smith
Gloria Law
8 - Beth Wilkins
Charles Liscum
9 - Kristin Wilkins
Judy Loy
10 - Sheree Smith
11 - Sam Shomaker
15 - Lynn Baxter
William Terrell
Fred K. Walter
16 - Mona Atkinson
Susan Barney
17 - Linda C. Walter
18 - William G. Long
19 - Robert Kittenger
21 - Robert M. Kimball
24 - Joan Artley
Joe McLelland
27 - Lillie Waugh
Jim Brown
30 - George Noah
W. W. Snyder

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PASTOR TO BE AWAY ON VACATION

Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be traveling from Tuesday, April 5, through Wednesday, April 13. They will visit family members in Virginia, Maryland, and New York City. They will also attend the fifth Conference of the Hawk Migration Association of North America to be held this year at Cape May, New Jersey.

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DR. SLOAN DONATES BIBLE BOOKCASE TO ELON COLLEGE LIBRARY

On Tuesday, March 29th, Dr. William W. Sloan was present on the second floor of McEwen Library at Elon College for a brief ceremony of dedication of a bookcase filled with his valuable collection of Bibles from all over the world and from earlier centuries. Dr. Sloan had donated the bookcase--a tall, beautiful one--to the College, and its contents had been arranged by Mrs. Diane B. Gill, Special Collections Assistant of the library staff in charge of the historical collections. Dr. Earl Danieley spoke appreciatively of Dr. and Mrs. Sloan's Christian witness across the years as teachers at Elon College, recalling some choice incidents, and Dr. Irvine gave a dedicatory prayer. Also, present from our congregation were Ray Covington, Carey Andes, and Nancy Lu Irvine. Photographers from the College and from the Burlington Times-News were also present.

This handsome gift by Dr. Sloan is worth a visit. You will see it standing by itself on a wall facing you across the open space when you reach the top of the stairs.

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DON'T FORGET YOUR LABELS

ELON
HOMES
for CHILDREN

Saturday, April 2 9:00 a.m.
Meet to get ready for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Friday, April 8 7:00 p.m.
Meet at the church for a trip to the Reform Synagogue in Greensboro. Parents will be needed to drive.

Sunday, April 17 TBA
Keep your calendars open for a possible Sunday morning visit to the Latter Day Saint's Church (Mormons).

Sunday, April 24 12 noon
Meet after church for a fishing trip at Robin McCraw's parents' home. Bring a bag lunch.

Friday, April 29 8:00 p.m.
A special Lock-In. Topic: Christian Worship.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Special thanks to Nora Griswold for the new couch and chair for the Youth Room. They are gratefully appreciated by our young people. Thanks also for the large number of new volumes for our children's library. They are already in circulation and our children and youth will enjoy them.

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	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
April 3	Jeff and Marie Wilkins	R. Harris/D. Doyle	Atkinson Fam
10	Eugene and Kathleen Lankford	E. Woody/A. Rose	L. Hughes
17	Marion and Jim Underhill	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Underhill
24	J. C. and Carol Dollar	K. Brown/B. Harper	Colclough

	Nursery	Children's Church
April 3	Andrea Albertson	Pam or Rick Kiser
10	Sybil White	Marie or Jeff Wilkins
17	Delores Truitt	Louis Wilkins
24	Marie Wilkins	Patricia or Robin Woody

Worship Attendance for March

6	148	20	134
13	132	27	169

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MIKE WHITE AT ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Michael G. White, son of Willard and Sibyl White of the Elon College Community Church, recently became the Associate Executive Director, Financial Development, at Elon Home for Children. He will be administering development programs in current, capital and planned giving.

Mike was an acolyte for several years in our Elon College Community Church. Graduating from Western Alamance High School and East Carolina University, he has been with Wachovia Bank for the past ten years, most recently serving as manager of the Holly Hill branch. He and his wife, the former Carolyn Scott, have one daughter and are members of the Hawfields Presbyterian Church.

While growing up, Mike knew many of the residents of the Elon Home for Children and has kept in touch with ministry and services rendered by Elon Home. His parents are retired but are daily involved with the New-to-You Outlet that Elon Home has at Glen Raven. It is great to have Mike and his family in our midst again.

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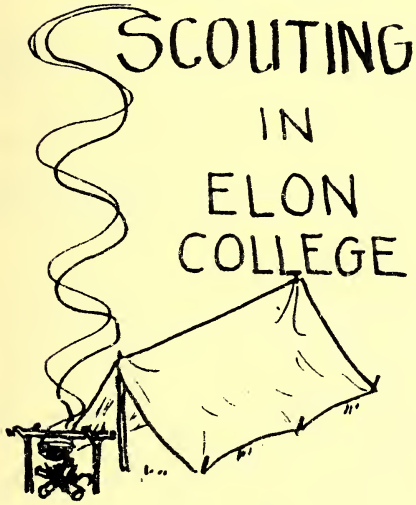

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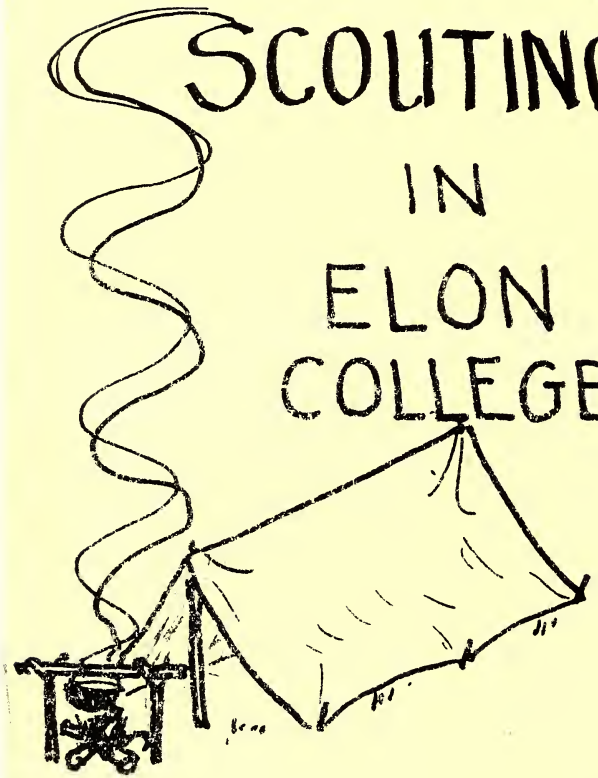

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OREE" SCHEDULED LATER IN APRIL

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE LAST SUNDAY BY OUR PASTOR, DR. JOHN M. IRVINE, JR.

Next Sunday April 10, 1988 during worship we will charter the new Boy Scout Troop 51, co-sponsored by this church and the Elon College Exchange Club. A fine group of Cub Scouts is ready this month to graduate from our Cub Pack with a high record of achievement, so this seemed an opportune time to begin a troop. Excellent leadership has been found. Actually this will be a resurrected Troop, starting up again after a hiatus of some years.

These boys can start right into Scouting with a Camporee on the last weekend of this month, but to go camping, they need equipment. When the equipment of the former troop here was checked, little of it was found still useable. Troop leaders estimate that the gear necessary--tents, cooking equipment, and the like, will cost about a thousand dollars. The Exchange Club has put up $500 and invited the church to match it. We did not foresee this when we did our budgeting last year.

Our Board of Christian Education requested the Church Council to authorize expansion of the 1988 budget to include a Challenge Gift of $500 for Troop 51, and the Council approved this. If you would like to contribute to this cause, it would help if you could do so in the first part of April, so the equipment can be ordered in time. Make your check our to the church and substitle it "Boy Scout Troop."

We recieved our first contribution last Sunday from a former member of the troop!

MY GIFT TODAY TO THE TOTAL PROGRAM OF

Elon College Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

TO BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: For Troop 57

CHURCH EXPENSES	BENEVOLENCES	BUILDING FUND
BSA Troop 57 $ 50.00	$ _____	$ _____

Please bring or send your gift regularly. Our expenses go on even when you are absent.

Name Cary Hook (Former Member of Troop 57)

Globe—Richmond, Va.

FUN CLUB MEETS APRIL 12

We're all ready to CELEBRATE on Tuesday, April 12th. What are we going to celebrate? SPRING in all it's glory, of course! JUST BEING ALIVE and able to enjoy life! FRIENDS and the pleasure we find in Christian Fellowship!

But there's more !!!

We are going to celebrate BILL TERRELL'S 92nd BIRTHDAY! We invite all of our members to meet in the Parish House parking lot at 10:30 a.m. We'll fill up cars and drive over th Huey's Seafood Restaurant on N. Church Street where we will have a private dining room for our program, followed by lunch. (Everyone will order from the menu.)

Come share fun and a little foolishness, but most of all - lots and lots of LOVE. If you need transportation to the Church, please call Mary Kimball 584-3048.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

April 17th.

Our guest preacher for the morning will be Dr. Dale Bishop, Middle East regional executive for both the United Church Board for World Ministries and the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As such, he has administrative responsibility for the work of over 40 mission teachers and other staff in the Middle East affiliated with the United Church or its partners. In Turkey, the UCBWM is related to three schools, a publishing house and a hospital, and works closely with local Christian churches. In Lebanon, the World Board contributes to the Near East School of Theology, and both the Disciples and the UCC work in partnership with the Middle East Council of Churches in their ministry to the whole Middle East.

Dr. Bishop brings to his job "a long-standing love affair with the church" and the desire and ability to teach. He is committed to writing and speaking on the Middle East because "it is critical to get past stereotypes to the understanding of the region's people." Conversant in Persian and with a reading knowledge of Arabic, Dr. Bishop sees interpretation of Middle East events for churches in the U.S. as an important part of his responsibility.

Before coming to his present work, he spent six years at Columbia University as assistant professor of Middle Eastern languages and cultures. During that time, he traveled to Lebanon, Syria, Greece and Turkey and visited India on a Fulbright fellowship. He has been frequently in the Middle East since. He has also toured Iran and Western Europe. After graduation from Heidelberg College in 1968, he earned his M. A. in history and Ph. D. in Middle East languages from Columbia University.

He will speak to the combined adult Sunday School classes and preach at morning worship. Our Mission Board will sponsor a covered dish lunch after worship for him and any who would like to come in the Parish House. His sermon topic and other details of the service were unavailable at the time of this writing. We promise he will be most interesting!

April 24th.

Dr. Irvine will be preaching on "The 23rd Psalm This Side of Easter." Hymns to be sung will include "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," and "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

LANNING SESSION FOR OUR CHURCH TO BE HELD APRIL 22-23

Are you interested in the future of our church?

Are there some things you would like us to do?

Are you interested to help plan our future?

f your answer to any of the above is "Yes," you are invited to join s Friday evening, April 22, from 7 to 9:30, and Saturday, April 23, rom 8:30 to 4:00 (bring a sack lunch; we'll provide the drinks) in he Parish House.

r. Martin Shotzberger, at the request of last year's Church Council, as designed for this spring an event to assist us in looking ahead.

n the past 12 years we have held two planning sessions, and each ime significant progress has resulted. With a centennial celebration nly 3 years off, and our current membership survey under way, now eems an appropriate time to hold another planning session.

his will be especially valuable to leaders--Deacons, Council Members, ommittee chairpeople, officers, as well as others who have a funda- ental interest in the future of our church.

e will: get to know each other better,
learn of our past history,
discuss items for future achievement,
set priorities for the church,
develop particular goals we would like to accomplish in the next few years,
establish plans of action by which to achieve our newly established goals,
identify means of success,
celebrate our work.

o that we might plan better, it would be very helpful if you would et the church office know by April 20th of your intention to take art in this event.

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NQUIRERS' CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 24th

n Inquirers' Class for anyone interested in exploring church member- hip here will be held for four Sundays beginning April 24th. Dr. Irvine ill meet this group at 9:45 Sunday mornings in the Library during the hurch School hour (child care is available, of course). The course is esigned as an introduction to the life and work and history of this hurch, and a brief refresher course in the Christian faith.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
March 31 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	28,651.50	25,643.25
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	1,232.80	3,397.95
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	669.27	676.38
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	125.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	51.38	100.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	552.25	168.21
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	31,282.20	29,985.79
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	356.20	586.36
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	3,900.00	2,400.00
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	150.00	0.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	4,406.20	2,986.36
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	114.00	303.38
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	75.00	96.94
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	2,450.92	1,969.97
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	2,639.92	2,370.29
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	722.50	773.26
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	2,297.52	2,120.30
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	3,020.02	2,893.56
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	6,075.00	8,576.73
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	1,524.24	1,414.69
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	404.88	451.82
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	8,004.12	10,443.24
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	11,540.25	10,178.85
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	36.00	19.15
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	11,576.25	10,198.00
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	1,104.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	30,750.51	28,891.45
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	531.69	1,094.34

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Increased size of lights in each parking lot at the church.

The split rail fence around the back of the church property, some placed there by the college and some by the church.

Smoke detectors in the church building.

Playground equipment being placed behind the Christian Education building. Robin Woody needs more men to help this Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.

New fire extinguishers in strategic places in the building.

Water Cooler is working again, almost too much at times.

Bobby Farrington serving as custodian during Richard Daniel's surgery and convalesence.

New Handicap signs in each parking lot. Only cars displaying the Handicap plate can park in those designated spaces. Cars not having the Handicap plate and parking in those spaces can be ticketed by the police and the car can be towed!

Fred Loy, chairman of the Trustees, plus others of his Board, are frequently at the church cleaning parking lots, repairing broken equipment, checking on the furnace or air conditioning, installing new lights, etc. Thanks, friends.

Two flood lights on the steeple at the front; the other one on the roof is to be repaired soon.

(W. J. Andes)

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GREGORY LIBRARY

In addition to the books given to the young peoples' library, Nora Griswold has also donated over eighty books to the Gregory Library. These books, both fiction and non-fiction, are on the shelves ready for you to read and enjoy. Many of the books of fiction are former book of the month selections. Several of the titles are by authors you have always intended to read and never got around to. You are invited to come browse and select.

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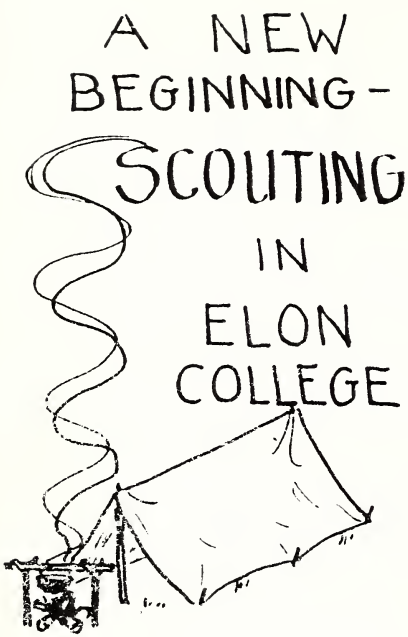

TROOP 51 IS CHARTERED AGAIN

One of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in Alamance County is Troop 51 in Elon College. On Sunday, April 10, 1988, a new charter was granted to this Troop. The Scout Master and his assistants have been trained and are ready. Co-Sponsors of Troop 51 will be the Elon Exchange Club and the Elon College Community Church. The Scout Committee is in place. Parents of the boys are meeting this week. The boys will meet soon and the Troop will be under way.

To get the Troop under way, much equipment is needed. The Exchange Club will give $500 and the Church promised to raise at least another $500 toward the costs. As of Monday, April 11, the church had received $745. Included in this amount are several gifts honoring former Boy Scouts of Troop 51.

There were a number of items that were needed but were not included in the first $1,000 pledged by the Exchange Club and the Church. It is hoped that some of these items can now be purchased.

You will hear more about Troop 51 in the near future. Thanks to those who have seen the need and have answered with their gifts. Others may do so soon, we hope.

(W. J. Andes)

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BURLINGTON AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Burlington Area Men's Fellowship meets Thursday, April 28, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1908 S. Mebane Street, Burlington, N.C. Those going (all men are invited) should meet in the south parking lot of the Elon College Community Church at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Rev. Les Wicker of Conover, N.C.

APRIL CALENDAR

13 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

15 - 16 BRAG Ideas Conference

17 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

18 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Troop 51 Committee

19 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Board - Ebezener UCC

20 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

21 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

22 - 7:00 p.m. Planning Session

23 - 8:30 a.m. Planning Session

24 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Student Supper
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

25 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

26 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

27 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

28 - District Men's Fellowship - St. John's UCC

29 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In

SCHMIDT - HETZEL WEDDING

Our congratulations to John Daniel Schmidt and Roxie Elizabeth Hetzel on their wedding in the Elon College Community Church, Sunday, April 10, 1988. Joining them in the celebration of their marriage were Beth's two children, Debroah Kaye Huff and John Hetzel, and John's daughters: Alice Ewers, Joanne Jeffries, Ruth Jordan and Caryl Schmidt. Matthew Ewers, son of Alice and Jime Ewers, served as acolyte.

A host of friends and other family members joined in the celebration at the church and at the reception at the Depot on Front Street in Burlington.

John is a former mayor of the Town of Elon College and Beth is the Town Manager for the Town at this time. They will be living on Summerbell Avenue in Elon College.

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YOUTH EVENTS

Sun., April 24	12 noon	Fishing Trip. Bring a bag lunch, a change of clothes and your gear and we'll leave promptly after church.
Fri., April 29	8:30 p.m.	Lock-In. A special lock-in centered on worship.
Sat., May 7	10:00 a.m.	Car Wash to raise money for Carowinds Trip.
Sun., May 8	12 noon	Pizza and planning for the Summer. Meet in the Youth Room.

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Congratulations to Brian Harper for qualifying for the A Honor Roll at Western Middle School where he is a 7th grader. Brian played on the Middle School basketball team during the winter and is now playing on the baseball team.

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OSS FOR CANDLES MADE FOR USE IN SANCTUARY

Dr. Paul Cheek has been kind enough to fashion a slanting wooden oss into which seven candles can be inserted. It received its rst use during our recent Maundy Thursday service. It is painted ite and is a fine addition to the sanctuary for special services. ank you, Paul!

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MPBELL SOUP LABEL UPDATE

The Elon Homes for Children is seeking to collect 975,000 labels om Campbell Soup cans (and other related products) in order to quire a new van. To date the Homes have collected about 100,000 bels.

Ellie Ketcham recently counted out the first batch that were llected from the container we keep on the table in the Narthex. e found 159 labels in it. That may not seem like a lot, but ember, churches in many places are collecting these. So keep em coming!

In addition to the labels from any kind of Campbell's soup labels, re are other ones that also count: labels from V-8 vegetable juices, nco-American products, Swanson canned food products, Prego spaghetti ces, and Campbell's fresh products; proof-of-purchase seals from nson Frozen Foods, Prego frozen entrees, and all Pepperidge Farm ducts; and UPC symbols from Juice Works blends of frozen concentrate Juice Boxes. The quality pledge panels found on the side of all . Paul's frozen food packages are also good.

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EN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

May Fellowship Luncheon will be on May 6, 1988 at 12 noon at loh Presbyterian Church on Alamance Road. The cost is $3.50 and kets may be obtained from Phyllis Young. Mr. Henry Zueen, Artist Residence at TCA will be the entertainer. The speaker will be . Charles Williams pastor of First Presbyterian Church. His ic will be "Women in Captivity."

se bring Health Kits.

Don't forget to bring a covered dish to Church Sunday for the luncheon honoring Dr. Dale Bishop, Secretary for the Middle East for the UCC Board of World Mission. Immediately after church.

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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS

Richard Lederer of St. Paul's School assembled an assortment of genuine student bloopers from eight grade through college collected by teachers throughout the United States. Here are some of them.

"The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, once asked, 'Am I my brother's son?' God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites."

"Pharoah forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines."

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Three handicapped parking spaces have been marked with signs in our parking lots. In the future the Elon Police will ticket any cars that are not marked handicapped. These cars will be towed.

March 15, 1988

Dear friends in the United Church of Christ:

I am writing to you just before Holy Week to bring to you for your prayerful attention and supportive action a resolution adopted by the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ, meeting today in St. Louis. The resolution reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, the recent restrictions imposed by the South African government upon 17 grassroots and church organizations and 18 individuals that have been in the forefront of the struggle for non-violent change are the most far-reaching and severe repressive acts since the Soweto massacres of 1976; and

WHEREAS, South African religious leaders, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Reverend Alan Boesak, are planning a major demonstration on Easter Sunday to raise their voices against this latest escalation of repression and as a public witness to their belief and hope in the resurrected Christ;

WHEREAS, Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called upon the United States to suspend diplomatic relations with South Africa,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ, recognizing that, as the voice of the church and other voices of justice and democracy are silenced inside South Africa, the voices of the church throughout the world must become louder and stronger:

> Calls upon local churches in the United Church of Christ to include these religious leaders and this act of public witness in pastoral prayer on Easter Sunday; and
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> Further calls upon local churches to organize other acts of solidarity, such as special worship services, candlelight vigils and public policy advocacy supporting the Dellums/Cranston Bill for Comprehensive Sanctions Against South Africa."

The Executive Council also sent today this telegram to President P. W. Botha of South Africa:

"As a national body of a Christian church in the United States committed to justice and peace, we appeal to you to halt the executions of the Sharpeville Six set for March 18. Since the judge in

the case has adimitted that none of the defendants in the case has contributed causally to the alleged crime, there is no basis for the proposed brutal punishment. We can only conclude that the planned executions are meant to serve a political purpose in continuing efforts of your government to deprive Black South Africans of their political and human rights."

Immediately after Easter, 21 UCC church leaders will join me in a pilgrimage to Southern Africa, to engage in closer dialogue with our partner churches in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Angola, and to witness to our oneness with them in their struggle for liberation and full personhood. We ask for your prayers, as well as prayers for those we will be visiting.

Our brothers and sisters in South Africa confront a succession of Good Fridays, and yearn for their Easter to Dawn. We must share their pain and stand in solidarity with them, as they confront continuing violent oppresion.

Yours in Christ,

Avery D. Post
President

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Change of address:

Mrs. Eleanore Kittenger has recently moved to the Penick Episcopal Home in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

May 1.

Dr. Irvine will preach from Acts 8:26-40, the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, on "Life's Need for Interpretation." Hymns are "Morning Has Broken," "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak," and "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine."

May 8.

Our pastor's sermon will be on "When Commandments Aren't Burdensome" from I John 5:1-6. Hymns include "Now Thank We All Our God," "Be Thou My Vision," and "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated."

May 15.

Dr. Richard Glatfelter, Vice-President of Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa., will be visiting our church and will preach on "The Seminary is a Family Affair." Scriptures include I Corinthians 12:4-12, 27-31a, and John 15:1-11. Hymns will be "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," "Fairest Lord Jesus," and "God of Grace and God of Glory."

(Dr. Glatfelter will also be speaking at the Men's Fellowship Breakfast which begins at 8:00, on the subject of "Women in Seminary," will address the combined adult Sunday School classes, and will meet with the Mission Board at 5 p.m.)

May 22.

Our Confirmation Class members will be received into membership. Details will be in the next TORCH.

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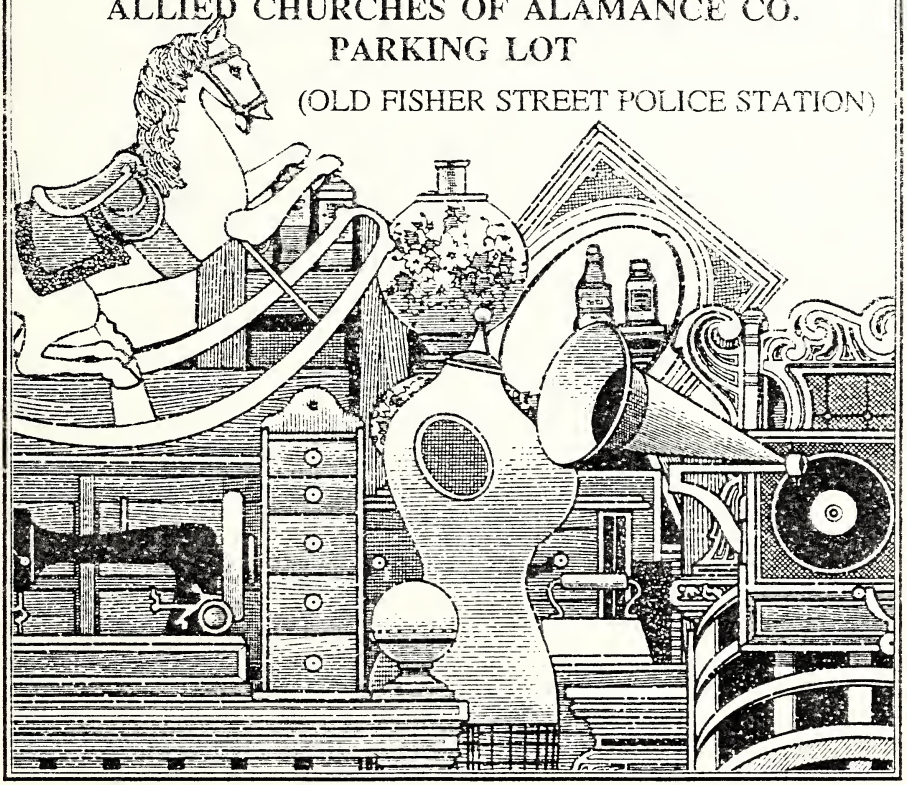
YARD SALE

BENEFIT FOR
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY

SATURDAY, MAY 14 8AM - 2 PM
ALLIED CHURCHES OF ALAMANCE CO.
PARKING LOT
(OLD FISHER STREET POLICE STATION)



TAKE DONATIONS TO ALLIED CHURCHES BUILDING 7:30 - 9 PM MAY 9-12

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY

The first family to be housed in a Habitat-sponsored home has been selected, and construction begins in earnest Saturday morning, May 7th! As construction progresses, we will need volunteers who can help in our quest for decent housing for all in Alamance County. Stay tuned for further announcements!

To aid in fund-raising, the local Habitat project will sponsor a yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th at the Allied Churches parking lot (corner of Fisher Street and Union Avenue in Burlington). Anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale may take them to the Allied Churches Ministries building 7:30 - 9 p.m. May 9-12 or contact Dr. Irvine. Our church has designated Alamance Habitat as one of its missions and any financial, physical, or moral support you can give will be greatly appreciated!

-(Chip McCraw)

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YOUTH EVENTS

Fri., April 29	8:30 p.m.-8:30 a.m.	A special Lock-in and worship.
Sat., May 7	10:00 a.m.	Car Wash. Come and earn money toward your Carowinds ticket.
Sun., May 8	12 noon	Pizza and Planning.
Sun., May 15	5 - 7	Roller skating. Meet at the church to car pool to Roll-About. Admission is $1.75 plus an item for the N.C. Food Bank.
Sat., May 21		Carowinds.

MAY CALENDAR

1 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

2 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Circle 3

3 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4

4 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

5 - 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Planning Group

6 - 12:00 noon May Fellowship Luncheon
Church Women United
Shiloh Presbyterian Church

8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Student Supper
6:30 p.m. Church Council
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

9 - 6:00 p.m. Ministerium Picnic
Carolina UCC
7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class

10 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

11 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
3:00 p.m. Allied Churches of Alamance
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
5 - 7 p.m. Youth Roller Skating

MAY CALENDAR - continued

16 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class

17 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

18 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Wendy D. Terrell

3 - Earl W. Vickers, Jr.

4 - Carey Andes
Nancy B. Martin
Timothy Marsh McLelland
Pam Dann
Ann C. Finch

5 - Florance H. Smith

6 - Robert L. Shomaker

7 - David Seamster

10 - James L. Dixon

11 - Pattie Wall

13 - Mark Albertson

14 - Laurie J. Pendergrass

15 - Susan Rose

16 - Marion V. Underhill

17 - Mary Butler
Graham Lewis Oxford

18 - John D. Schmidt

19 - Ruth Hurst
Carrie McLelland

20 - Tim Parker

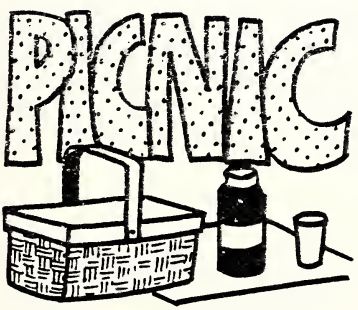
21 - Howard H. Edgerton

22 - Sue Colclough
Heidi Danieley
Tyler Smith Holt

26 - Estelle Perry
Gladys Vickers

29 - William P. Smith

31 - Edith Brannock
Kay Hensley
John M. Irvine, Jr.

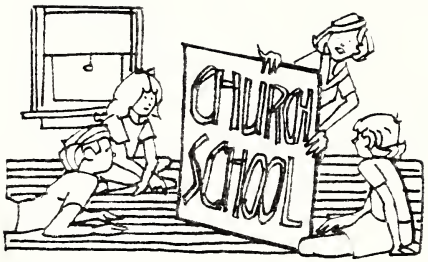


CHURCH PICNIC

Set aside Sunday afternoon, May 29th, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Lodge, for our 1988 Church Picnic. Details will be in the next issue of the TORCH, but mark the date on your calendar for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship.

- the C.E. Board

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



The Elementary School Class (grades one through four) is studying the early church. The verse they are learning is Acts 2:42;"They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers." Their lesson caused them to ask a lot of questions about our church, such as: "How do people at our church help others? Why do we pray? Why do we have suppers together? and "Where does our offering go?" Beth Lyon visited with them last Sunday to help answer some of their questions. They were especially surprised to find out how much money it takes to run the church for the year! The Elementary School Class is a large one this year; attendance averages ten students. Teachers are Janet Mayse, Kristin Wilkins, Carol Dollar and Ann Acquilano.

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WORKDAY! WORKDAY! WORKDAY!

The playground is underway. Perhaps you've noticed that posts are beginning to sprout out of the ground due to the hard work of Robin and his crew. We need you again this Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. to keep this project moving.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Lyon on the birth of a daughter, Brittany Christine on April 11th in Penbroke Pines, Florida. Jim and Lorene Lyon are the paternal grandparents. Mrs. Minnie T. Stickles is the paternal great-grandmother.

CLERGY RETREAT IN MAY

Dr. Irvine will attend the annual Southern Conference Clergy Retreat at Camp Betsy-Jeff Penn near Reidsville, May 16-18. He has served on the committee from the Eastern North Carolina Association which has designed this year's event. The subject will be "The Craft of Preaching - from Revelation to Genesis" and the special retreat leader will be the Rev. William W. Finlator of Raleigh, former pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Irvine will lead the early morning "Matins" worship services by the lakeside each day. Beth Lyon plans to attend also.

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CONGRATULATIONS, CHARLES!

Charles Wilkins has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study of Arabic and Islamac Culture at the University of Amman in Amman, Jordan, beginning in September. As Charles has been an R.O.T.C. scholarship student at Duke University, he will have to arrange a delay in beginning his four years of active duty in the armed forces in order to use the scholarship, but he expects no problem as his added training would be to the country's advantage.

Fulbright scholarships are highly coveted and this is a signal honor for Charles. We are proud of him indeed!

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Remember Charles's mother, Beth, in your prayers. She suffers much pain from a disc problem in her spine, and is unable to sit long enough to attend Charles' graduation from Duke in early May. At press time she was awaiting final diagnosis and anticipating surgery.

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Ellie and John Ketcham have gone to San Francisco to visit their new and first grandchild, Michael Helm Ketcham and his parents, James and Dana. Little Mike is about a month old.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flower
May 1	Mike and Janet Mayse	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Lawrenc
8	Chip and Robin McCraw	R. Harris/D. Doyle	Oxford
15	Bob and Mary Kimball	E. Woody/A. Rose	Reynold
22	Bill and Susan Barbee	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Butler
29	Ken and Lou Harper	K. Brown/B. Harper	Terrell

	Nursery	Children's Church
May 1	Kim Perry	Lou Harper
8	Mary Boyd	Beth Lyon
15	Phyllis Young	Sue or Jim Brown
22	Pam Kiser	Janet or Mike Mayse
29	Vera Dixon	George or Carole Troxler

Worship Attendance for April

3	242	17	134
10	138	24	140

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Dr. Alfred W. Hurst,
Pastors Emeriti
Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon,
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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

May 22. Pentecost.

Wear something red to church this day as a sign of the flames of the Holy Spirit on the birthday of the church.

Our Confirmation Class members, Scott Dollar, Brian Rose, and Rob Woody, will be received into membership. They have assisted in the planning of the worship service and will serve as liturgists and acolytes during it. Since Brian and Rob are descended from the hymn-writer Thomas T. Lynch, they have requested that the congregation sing two hymns written by him during the service. The hymns will be "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me," "I Would Be True," and "My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff." (The first and third of these are by Lynch.) Instead of a sermon, each of the pastors will take some moments to address the confirmands. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

May 29. Trinity Sunday.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "A Richer, Warmer View of God" from Matthew 28:19-20. Hymns will include "Come, Thou Almighty King," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

June 5.

The pastor's sermon will be "Does God Take Sides?" Scripture readings will be Joshua 4:19-5:1, 10-15, and Ephesians 2:13-18. Hymns will include "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and "In Christ There Is No East or West."

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PASTOR TO ATTEND A WEDDING IN HIS FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will leave for Virginia on June 1st to attend the wedding of his first cousin the next day. They will return the evening of the 4th (the wedding festivities are stretched across a 3-day span and include an organ concert; the cousin is a builder of organs and the festivities include a dedicatory recital for his firm's most recent organ.) Our pastor's parents will accompany them on the trip.

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Eleanore Kittenger sent us a card from her new residence at Penick Episcopal Home, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387, saying "Please remember me to all the folks and ask them to write to me"....Juanita Loy and Bertie Fields chased the spring north on a bus trip to Nova Scotia and probably overtook it and left it behind. They must be enjoying themselves because Howard said he hadn't heard a word yet from Juanita!....Meanwhile Willard and Sybil White are taking the grand tour around the Lower 48 for a whole month on a different bus trip; and Dee and Mona Atkinson are tuning up for a trip up to Alaska in their camper this summer, and the McLellands have a route for a late June (non-camping) trip all the way to Jasper and Yosemite and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in their new sedan. Such travellers we have!....Have you noticed how brightly lit our parking lots are at night? Thank Fred Loy and the Trustees. There is still more upgrading of lighting coming over our doors....Gladys Smith is coming along well after a recent cataract operation, we're glad to say....Bill Sloan is sleeping better, another good report. There were many wonderful comments made at the memorial service for Bessie on Tuesday afternoon, May 3rd, as we shared our rich memories of her life and work. Did you see the article in the Greensboro paper Sunday, May 15th, about the Bibles the Sloans donated to the college and to the church? Or was your page one of those that failed to print? Fortunately Bill received a good clear copy of the fine article; thanks to all who brought in copies....Allene Inabinett had the remains of her husband, the late Rev. Thomas Inabinett, brought from Indiana and reinterred in Magnolia Cemetery; Bill Andes had the graveside service on May 11th....The Magnolia Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held in our sancruary Sunday, June 5th, at 4:00, with Gene Lankford presiding....Much concern for Leffie Lowe. After Wilkes was hospitalized for a period, as he came home, she became ill and was hospitalized for several days, discharged, but at home developed severe pains and was rehospitalized and surgery was performed May 13th; she is at this writing in intensive care at Memorial Hospital, and will have to have further surgery when she gets a little stronger. Wilkes will also have to have some surgery. Let us remember this good couple in prayer during this time of troubles.. ..I wish you could have seen Richard McBride and Carolyn Messick hard at work on the first Habitat for Humanity House over on Union Avenue at the two Saturday work days, along with about 20 other people. Carolyn's little boy Brinkley was enjoying running around with other small fry on the fringes of things and somehow, after avoiding it on many passes, managed to land with one foot squarely in the deep mud puddle left by a spinning truck tire just inside the curb. It must have cooled his foot pleasantly because from then on he had his feet

in it more than he had them out of it. Chip McCraw has been getting some good film of the Habitat Project and showed slides of it to the Mission Board this past Sunday....Chip's wife Robin has been officially named as Director of our After School Care program beginning next fall by the Church Council on the recommendation of the Christian education Board. Robin flew the coop to Wisconsin, her former home, on a visit with members of her family, so Chip is batching it for a week.... Josephine Farmer has "some good days and some bad days" at the nursing home in southern Caswell County where she now stays, according to Lois Bost, who went up to see her recently....Have you met Bobby "Beefy" Farrington, our new custodian, who has recently come on the staff? We will soon be introducing him and his family to the congregation; he lives in Gibsonville. Welcome, Beefy!....Thanks to the Youth group which did some fine car washing and waxing on a recent Saturday....A fine group of men of varying ages enjoyed our Men's Fellowship breakfast May 15th. Gordon Rankin was presented with two checks for an additional $255 in scholarship aid to go with the $100 already awarded him by the Burlington Area UCC Ministerium. We wish Gordon well as he begins his seminary studies this fall at Andover-Newton....

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LATEST NEWS ON THE LABEL CAMPAIGN FOR ELON HOMES VAN

The second jugful of labels for the Van Campaign has been counted. It contained 198 valid labels (plus some Betty Crocker ones, which are not valid for this campaign, please note). This brings the total from our church to 348. So far this campaign for 900,000 labels has raised 119,000. Remember, the target date is next January. So keep those Campbell's, V-8, Swanson labels coming!

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WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES

The Church Women of the Southern Conference are compiling a cookbook to be sold at Fall Enrichment Meetings. Proceeds will be used to send three representatives to the Biennial Assembly. Please bring your favori receipe to the Friendship Banquet, in order that we may send these to Summer Conference the following week.

Marie Wilkins

OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO

Richard Daniel
Custodian

RICHARD'S HEALTH NO LONGER PERMITS HIM TO PROVIDE THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES WHICH HE HAS SO ABLY PERFORMED IN THE PAST.

SINCE WE HAVE NO RETIREMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SECURITY TO RICHARD, WE ARE SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A PARTING GIFT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY NOW IN HIS TIME OF NEED.

RICHARD HAS TAKEN FINE CARE OF OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH PROPERTY AND HAS EVER BEEN HELPFUL AT ASSISTING US ON SPECIAL OCCASSIONS.

NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION!

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CONTRIBUTION FORM)

I would like to express my thanks to Richard by contributing to the "Richard Daniel Fund" for which I have enclosed ☐ cash or ☐ check:

NAME: _____

PLEASE INSERT IN YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE THIS COMING SUNDAY, OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE:

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
ELON COLLEGE, N.C. 27244

ATTN: DANIEL FUND

MEN HAD PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST

Twenty-nine men ate breakfast Sunday, May 15, in the Parish House. Ray Covington presided. Prayer of thanksgiving was given by Louis Wilkins. Cooks were: Holt Sutton, Earl Parker, Jim Griswold. The food must have been good, for they ate it all!

Autobiographical sketches were given by Chip McCraw and Mark McAdams.

Committees reported: Auction will be held September 10. Workers needed to complete playground equipment. Bill Blanchard to coordinate and secure a team for UCC Softball Tournament this summer and Earl Parker will have tickets for sale.

Scholarships: Charles Wilkins has received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Jordan this fall; Gordon Rankin enters Andover Newton Theological Seminary this fall. The Men's Fellowship Clergy Families of the Elon College Community Church and Burlington Area Ministerium gave him scholarships. Billy Beyer is a candidate for a scholarship from Burlington Area Men's Fellowship.

Ray Covington led a discussion on the "Pros and Cons of Women as Ministers." Dick Glatfelter of Lancaster Seminary reported on "Women in our Seminaries."

Future Meetings: Planning Group, July 21, 7:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast, July 24, 8:00 a.m.
Burlington Area Men's Fellowship, July 28, 7:00 p.m.
Carolina UCC.

W. J. Andes

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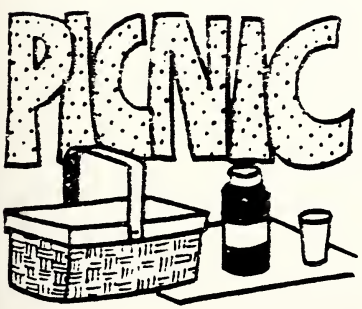

COME TO THE ALL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 29th AT 4 P.M. AT THE LODGE (MOONELON). BRING A DISH FOR A POT LUCK PICNIC SUPPER AND DRESS COMFORTABLY SO THAT YOU CAN JOIN IN THE GAMES. A GRILL AND CHARCOAL WILL BE AVAILABLE. DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP BANQUET

It's time for our quarterly joint meeting again, and we look forward to this meeting especially, as it is our "Friendship Banquet." We encourage all of the ladies of the church to attend, even if you are not a member of one of our circles. We hope you will bring a friend as your guest. The date for this meeting has been changed to June 6, rather than June 13, as is indicated in your program booklet. We plan to begin our covered-dish meal at 6:30 in the Parish House. Highlights of the evening's program will be our featured speaker, Beth Green, of the Allied Churches of Alamance County, and the installation of our officers for the next two years.

Please remember your non-perishable food items for the food closet here at the church. Items especially needed at this time are fruits, juices, and gelatine or pudding desserts.

Marie Wilkins

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BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

January 1, 1988 - May 16, 1988

Mr. Archie I. Braxton, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell

Mrs. Iva Watkins
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wall

Mr. Lloyd G. Huffines
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest

Dr. T. E. Powell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest

Mrs. Charles Horace Stewart, Jr.
Mrs. Lucille Howard

Mrs. Iris A. Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wall
Woodlawn Community

Mrs. W. A. Holt, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wall

Mrs. Estelle H. Kallap
Dr. Richard H. Sharrett
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mrs. Bessie Sloan
Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass

Lois M. Bost
Building Fund Treasurer

YOUTH EVENTS

Sat., May 21	8:00 a.m.	Leave for Carowinds! Tickets will be $2.87 for car wash participants, $11.75 for all others.
Sun., May 29	4:00 p.m.	Come with your family to the picnic at the Lodge. See elsewhere in this TORCH for details.
Sun., June 5	12 noon	Stay for lunch and to watch "Degrassi Jr. High" together in the Youth Room. Bring a friend!
Sun., June 12	11:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday. We'll be ushers, greeters, acolytes, and liturgists for the morning service. There's a job for everyone.

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CAMP MEETING

No, we haven't planned a revival. There will be a meeting for prospective church campers and their parents on Sunday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. There are camps available for all those entering grades 3 - 12 at John's River Valley this summer. If you, or your son or daughter is interested, or <u>might</u> be interested, please come. We'll see a brief video about the camp and then there will be time to check calendars. The key question every kid wants to know is, "Where is everyone else going?" Cost is $70 per week, except for 3rd graders whose camp is for half a week, their cost is $35. Transportation from Burlington is available for most camps for $9.00 extra. Scholarships will be available.

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<u>WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERENCE</u>

Elsewhere in this issue of the TORCH, you will find a registration form for Women's Summer Conference to be held June 13-15 at Catawba College in Salisbury. The theme, "Journey into the Future," is an exciting chance to grow spiritually. Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Barbara Greer, Associate Minister for Leadership and Program Development, Missouri Conference, UCC. Babysitting will be available on June 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please return your form to me by June 6, if you plan to attend. Also, please let me know if you have transportation needs.

Marie Wilkins

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Catawba College
June 13-15 (Monday-Wednesday)

Theme: "Journey Into The Future"

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Highlights: Conference plans include workshops on the theme and other topics of interest—Bible Study, Arts and Crafts Show, SERRV Shop, Cokesbury Books and Program Materials.

Items To Bring: Sheets, Blankets, Towels, Pillow, "Sing Shalom" Song Book, Bible, Notebook and Pens, and Comfortable Clothes.

Cost: Fulltime registration is $60.00 which includes meals, insurance, room, etc.

Daytime registration: is $10.00 which includes insurance, supplies, etc. But no meals.
Full refunds are given if 48 hour notice is given; with no notice there is a $5.00 charge.

For additional information: Cynthia Buckwell, Rt. 2, Box 69, Gold Hill, NC 28071; 704-436-6877 or Linda Earnhardt, 1200 Neisler Rd., Concord, NC 28026; 704-782-1743.

Church Women of the Southern Conference
Registration for Summer Conference
June 13-15, 1988 at Catawba College

Name_____ Association_____

Address_____ Your Church_____

Town_____ State_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

☐ I need a first floor room. I want to room with:_____

☐ Enclosed $_____ Fulltime Registration (Monday dinner through Wednesday lunch; room, insurance, etc. but no linens)

☐ Enclosed $_____ Daytime registration (insurance, supplies, no meals)

Send check and registration to Carol Diehl, Registrar, 110 Elmwood Dr., Salisbury, NC 28144. Make checks payable to: Summer Conference CWSC.

MAY CALENDAR

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PRAYER VIGIL

The 6th annual Prayer Vigil for World Peace, sponsored by the Peacemakers Group of Alamance County, will be held on May 29th at the Courthouse Square in Graham. The observance will begin with a service at 7:30 featuring music and the Rev. Jeff Pugh of the Elon College faculty as speaker. Come join us - bring a lawn chair if you like since no seating is provided. On Memorial Day we feel that one of the best ways to honor our veterans is to pray for an end to wars. A vigil will be held through the night and you will have an opportunity to sign up for an hour or two if you wish.

Nancy Lu Irvine

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
April 30 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	37,783.82	31,903.75
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	2,160.80	5,435.60
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	883.44	1,011.51
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	125.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	80.17	315.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	728.25	168.21
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	41,761.47	38,834.07
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	616.60	734.37
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	4,700.00	2,400.00
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	150.00	0.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	5,466.60	3,134.37
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	152.00	406.31
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	75.00	96.94
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	3,430.47	2,806.61
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	3,657.47	3,309.86
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	1,016.00	2,717.77
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	3,254.82	2,973.89
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	4,270.82	5,691.66
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	8,037.00	9,766.75
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	2,159.34	1,965.19
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	873.58	451.82
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	11,069.92	12,183.76
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	15,743.70	13,703.77
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	76.00	19.15
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	15,819.70	13,722.92
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	1,472.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	41,756.51	38,042.57
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	4.96	791.50

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June 12.

Our youth fellowship members will assist in the service (a modified Youth Sunday). Dr. Irvine will preach from Mark 4:26-34, two parables of Jesus having to do with plants: "How Does God's Kingdom Grow?" Hymns will include "All Hail the Power of Jesus'Name," "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," and "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ."

June 19.

The sermon will be on "Quieting Down" from Mark 4:35-41. Hymns will be "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and "Be Still, My Soul."

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COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet for its regular quarterly meeting on Sunday evening, June 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Seekers Classroom. The meeting is scheduled to conclude by 7:55 p.m. before the meeting of the Board of Christian Education.

Earl Danieley, Moderator

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TORCHGLEAMS

Minnie Hook needed a cake for her "Lunch Bunch" hostess duties, so her sister Lala Allen sent one up by UPS from Alabama. Just to make sure there was no problem, Lala baked another one, put it in her car trunk, and brought it up. (Seems a previous cake hadn't traveled too well by a delivery service.) Now that's sisterly!...George and Audrey Shumar are celebrating a bumper crop of cherries in their back yard; we're glad to see Audrey looking better....Richard Daniel is scheduled for a heart bypass operation at the V.A. Hospital in Durham, probably on Friday, June 3rd; he's to enter May 31st.

That big storm of the evening of May 23rd blew down trees in the front yards of Adelia Truitt and Earl and Verona Danieley, and broke the tops out of two more of the Lombardy poplars in the back yard of the parsonage...Mike and Janet Mayse's new home on the south side of Front Street is nearing completion; Gene and Jo Grimley's new home is just getting underway on Atkinson Avenue where the McAdams' meadow used to be; John and Beth Schmidt have a garage a-building; and Ralph and Hilda Oxford's large garage, put together so carefully over so many months, is respledent in its new coat of paint: signs of progress! ....There is also a sense of completion and gratitude after a massive redecoration project at the home of Ann and Earl Vickers; they do exquisite work....More far-traveling folks from ECCC: Bill and Jackie Pendergrass went to Arizona for a very scenic eight days. And the Scott family will be off shortly to Atlanta for a week to visit Bill and his family.

Sympathy to the Irvine family in the death of Mrs. Gertrude Irvine's younger sister Pattie White Siron of Churchville, Virginia, on May 17th ....Howard Edgerton fell and needed fifteen stitches to close a wound on his forehead; we're all glad he's much better and back at work, but the puzzle remains: why did it happen?....We're happy too that Leffie Lowe is home from the hospital for now, and that Beth Wilkins' back is enough better that she can return to work part time....Ray Covington handled a big black snake with aplomb at the church picnic when it put in an appearance in a tree (shades of Eden!)--just another duty cheerfully undertaken by this indefatigable chairman of the C.E. Committee....

George and Venita Edwards keep us informed concerning their niece's daughter, Heather Cochrane, who was so badly burned in an accident in which her older brother lost his life. Little Heather only had a 15% chance to survive at the outset, and it has often been touch and go, but she is still making it in a Tulsa hospital's burn center and will

be in intensive care for several more weeks. She has had many skin graft operations already but has had very little skin unburned which could be used. Keep her and her family in your prayers....

Proud, proud! That's our congregation for its members who have been bringing home prizes. Winners in the Senior Citizens Art Competition held by the Burlington Artists league on May 15 included, for oils, first place, Barbara Eyes, and second place, Howard Edgerton; for watercolors, first place, Jean Simons. You can see their works at the Burlington Artists League Gallery on Corporation parkway at Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center, on display through June 6th....Congratulations also to Beverly Beyer, who has won a scholarship given by the Burlington Kiwanis Club to attend a Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation semir in Charlotte June 11-13. Young people chosen will be exposed to leader from a number of fields and will return with a better understanding of how our American economic system works. Beverly was one of six young people from high schools in Alamance County whose leadership potential was recognized by this award....

Many thanks to all who have helped at various times toward the erection of the equipment for our playground, which Robin Woody has designed and engineered. (Robin fell heir to the leadership of this project in a weak moment when Patricia was discussing it at some length, and to get her to stop so he could go to sleep he said he'd see about it! It so happens Robin is also adding a garage with an extra upstairs room to their home this spring and summer.) In addition to Robin, who keeps everyone's spirits up with his good-natured ways, the following have helped at one time or another or several times: Paul Cheek, Charlie Liscum, George Edwards, Richard McBride, Carolyn Messick, Bill Andes, Beth and Bob Lyon, Al Hurst, Rob Woody, John Irvine, and some young men from Sigma Chi fraternity. There will be more opportunities to work coming up; call Robin to volunteer. Gradually that skeleton will be taking shape out there....

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JUNE CALENDAR

5	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Magnolia Memorial Service
	4:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
	8:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
6	6:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Friendship Banquet
8	7:30 p.m.	Scout Troop 51 Committee
9 - 11		Southern Conference Meeting Catawba College
12	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Stewardship and Mission Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
14	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
16	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
19	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
26	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
28	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Meeting

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CHURCH CAMP

It's not too late to decide about John's River Valley Camp. Programs are available for rising 3rd graders through senior highs. Scholarships and transportation are available. If your child is interested, please see Beth for further information.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 - John Barbee
Adam R. Shull
Pearl Smith

3 - Juanita Loy
Mary Shaw Cunningham

4 - James Moncure

5 - Scotty Law

6 - Pam Kiser

7 - Walter Boyd
Dr. James Overton

8 - Paul Reddish
Susan P. Finch

9 - James A. Scott

11 - Bradley Denny

12 - June Tallon

15 - Robin Woody

17 - Virginia Richardson
Andy Powell

19 - Eugene S. Lankford
Nora Griswold
Shirley Beyer

20 - Jeremy Noel Allen

21 - Reuben Seamster
Catherine Fogleman
Venita Edwards
Chad MacKenzie

22 - Sibyl White

23 - Alison Nicole Kiser

25 - David M. McLelland, Jr

27 - Nathan Artley
Nancy B. Wills

29 - Lucille Howard
David L. Brown

30 - Jody Edgerton

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FUN CLUB

The Fun Club will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kimball, 524 Oakland Avenue, Burlington. The program will be on flags.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Parents, mark your calendars now for this year's VCS program. It will be held here August 1-5 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This year's program will be about Habitat for Humanity and it's sure to excite the children. We are planning daytime classes for children from pre-school through fifth grade during the morning. In the evening there will be a separate program for youth that will include helping on an actual Habitat project.

For the morning program we'll need help with music, arts and crafts, recreation, and of course, we'll need teachers. If you can help with any of these areas, please see Beth Lyon. We hope to include many non-members in this year's VCS. If you have names of children who might be interested, please give these to Beth so they can be included in an upcoming mailing about the VCS.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Church School begins Sunday, June 5 and runs through Sunday, August 28. There will be an Intergenerational Class in the Broadly Graded Classroom (next to the Choral Center) for preschoolers through adults. This year's program is called "All About Paul." The Adult Bible Class will continue to meet as usual.

The teaching schedule for the Intergenerational Class is as follows:

June 5	Beth Lyon	July 24	Nancy Lu Irvine
June 12	Louis Wilkins	July 31	George Troxler
June 19	George Troxler	Aug. 7	Nancy Lu Irvine
June 26	Ken Harper	Aug. 14	Still needed
July 3	Class will not meet	Aug. 21	Susan Barbee
July 10	Steve Ten Eyck	Aug. 28	Susan Barbee
July 17	Louis Wilkins		

Thank you to all who volunteered to teach! If you can help out on August 14, please see Beth. A copy of the entire Summer's materials will be in the Church Library. You will each receive copies of materials for your own week.

A WARM "THANK YOU" FROM RICHARD DANIEL

RICHARD IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

To date, over $600. has been received. We are hoping that there will be additional contributions to assist Richard during his bout with ailing health.

RICHARD ENTERED THE HOSPITAL FOR OPEN HEART SURGERY ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1988. HIS EXPENSES ARE MOUNTING EVEN AS HIS ABILITY TO EARN AN INCOME HAS DECLINED.

Richard, as Custodian, helped us maintain our Church--now it's our turn to help maintain Richard!

ANY ASSISTANCE TO RICHARD IN HIS TIME OF GREATEST NEED WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED AND WOULD BE A MOST CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE RICHARD DANIEL FUND.

YOUTH NEWS

In case you missed it, the roller skating party was a big success. Over 50 kids from area UCC Churches came to Roll-About for a get-together. Food collected went to the Emergency Food Box at Alamance Community Services. Upcoming events for all UCC Churches in the area include a pool party in July and a youth rally in September.

Seventeen of us made the trip for Church Days at Carowinds. Special thanks to parents Deborah and Frank Danley, and Andrea Albertson for braving the heat and the traffic to chaperon.

Upcoming events....

June 5	12 noon	Meet in the Youth Room to watch the TV Show "Degrassi Jr. High" and have lunch together.
June 12	11:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday. We'll have a special part to play in this service. Come and bring your parents.
June 19	7:00 p.m.	Important meeting to plan Camping Trip.
June 25-26		Camping Trip. Parents will be needed. If you can help, please see Beth Lyon.

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NEEDED

We will be turning a storage area into office space for Robin and the afterschool program. Since it is below ground it tends to be damp. If you have a dehumidifier you can donate, please call the Church Office.

Have your children outgrown their World Book Encyclopedia? The Children's library needs a World Book, preferably less than ten years old. If you can donate one, please call the Church Office.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
June 5	Fred and Judy Loy	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Jeffrey
12	Don Danley/Travis Loy	R. Harris/D. Doyle	Truitt
19	Louis and Beth Wilkins	E. Woody/A. Rose	K. Hugh
26	J. L. and Vera Dixon	J. Brown/H. Troxler	McAdams

	Nursery	Children's Church
June 5	Patsy Oliver	Ann or R. J. Acquilano
12	Heidi Danieley	Julie or Jeff MacKenzie
19	Reggie McLelland	Sheree Smith
26	Sue Brown	Pam or Rick Kiser

Worship Attendance for May

1	120	22	130
8	148	29	114
15	144		

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Bobby "Beefy" Farrington of Gibsonville has been employed as our Custodian. His phone number is 449-6590 and his phone has an answering Service so you can leave a message if you do not reach him.

He will be washing chalkboards in the church each week. If you want the information on a chalkboard to stay, please write DO NOT ERASE in it.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

June 19.

The sermon will be on "Quieting Down" from Mark 4:35-41. Our life is often overprogrammed; the din in our ears may deafen our hearts. Aerobic exercises for our faith may require the discipline of saying "Peace, be still." Hymns will be "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and "Be Still, My Soul."

June 26.

"Stewards of Equality" will be the sermon by Dr. Irvine from II Corinthians 8:1-15. Equality is a fascinating, even troubling concept, and St. Paul brings it into his discussion of the offering he seeks to raise for the church at Jerusalem among the church members at Corinth. Hymns will include "Morning Has Broken," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," and "We Would Be Building." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

July 3.

"Stewards of History" from II Corinthians 5:17-20 will be the sermon subject during the Fourth of July weekend. How do we as Christians think of history and our role in it? And how does the nation figure in? Hymns to be sung are "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and "God of Grace and God of Glory" (stanzas 1,3,5).

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Dr. Irvine will be on vacation July 8-18 and our Associate Pastor, Beth Lyon, will preach on July 9 and 16.

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On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Church Council voted at its meeting June 5th to change Beth Lyon's title from Associate for Youth and Children's Ministries to Associate Pastor, and adopted a revised job description for her. The central focus of her work has not shifted, but the new title and job description are a reflection of what the job has become. The new job description reads as follows:

ASSOCIATE PASTOR
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Job Description

The Associate Pastor is a member of the Clergy Staff of the Elon College Community Church and shares in a team ministry, on a part-time basis, with pastoral responsibility for the families of children, youth, and young adults, and the respective programs pertaining thereto.

Qualifications: To be called to the position of Associate Pastor one must:

1. Have a professional ministerial degree;
2. Enjoy working with children, young people, young adults and their families;
3. Possess skills in organizing and supervising the programs of the target groups;
4. Possess skills in family counseling;
5. Be committed to the Christian faith and to the concept of team ministry;
6. Have a commitment and understanding to the concept of family ministry.
7. Have ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ.

Tasks: The Associate Pastor's responsibility is:

1. For oversight, organization and supervision of programs for: children, youth, young adults;
2. Including serving in a ministerial capacity to the families of these groups enunciated in (1) above;
3. For leadership to the Christian Education Committee in children, youth, and young adult programs in the area; and assist in recruiting adult lay leadership;
4. For occasional Church School teaching, direction of the fellowship program of children, youth and young adults, and occasional community outreach.

Other tasks shall include:

1. To assist in church worship service as determined in consultation with the Pastor as to acolytes, youth participation, preaching and liturgy;
2. To provide pastoral care to the congregation in absence of the Pastor.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Out with the old, in with the new! That's what will be happening with our Church School cirriculum this fall. The Shared Approaches material we've all been using for the last ten years is going out of print. To take it's place, the UCC is working co-operatively with other denominations to develop two alternatives. One will be Bible Discovery. The other is Discipleship Alive! We have chosen the Bible Discovery cirriculum for our pre-school, elementary, youth, and adult Bible classes. The series focuses on learning the Bible stories and applying them to our lives in a way appropriate to each age group. The adult material is based on the co-operative uniform lesson series. As an alternative, the Seekers class will be using the Discipleship Alive material for adults. This material is designed to foster active discipleship in the world.

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Thanks to Janet Mayse and Sue Brown the CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP is off to a great start. About a dozen kids got together on Saturday to grill some hot dogs (chef for the occassion was Mike Mayse) and to play put-put golf. The children really enjoyed it and more events are planned for the future.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Don't forget to mark your calendars now for Vacation Church School, Aug. 1-5. Our theme this year will be "Habitat for Humanity." Children's classes will meet in the mornings from 9-12 and the youth will be participating in a local habibat project in the evenings. For the children, we're planning music, games, and crafts, as well as some lessons on Habitat and its mission. If you can help, please see Beth Lyon. If you have the names of neighborhood children who might like to attend, please give these to Beth as well.

TORCHGLEAMS

Ruth and Paul Cheek got the glad news in a phone call from their daughter and her husband in Moscow, Idaho--they can expect to be grandparents (at last!) come Christmas!....More traveling ECCC folk include Nell and Wally Snyder, off to England and Europe for a month this June....Sam Foster had cataract surgery on his other eye June 9th and is doing well; we pray a speedy recovery for him.....Sheree Smith has bought a house just a few hundred feet from the school where she is teaching in Yanceyville and will not have the long commute any more--just in time for her twins to begin kindergarten there this fall. Her father, Dee Atkinson, has been renovating the place for her....Keep Wilkes and Leffie Lowe in your prayers as they wait to get their medical problems straightened out....

Troop 51, Boy Scouts of America, is off to a fine start, and keeps attracting new boys; its membership is up to 15 now. Frank and Deborah Danley joined our congregation on June 5th. Frank is Scoutmaster and Debbie is on the Troop Committee, and their son, Don is a patrol leader. They live on Powerline Road in Gibsonville and we welcome them. The Rev. Beth Lyon also became a member of our congregation June 5th, the tenth new member to join this year....

Al and Ruth Hurst celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary this past Sunday, and they're planning on driving up to Maine for the summer as usual soon....Louis and Beth Wilkins celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary recently....Thursday after Thursday, Robin Woody's work parties for the church playground keep getting rained out. Keep trying, Robin. This can't go on forever....At the luncheon meeting of the Community Council June 7th, focus was on various kinds of support groups available in Alamance County. A number of speakers briefly described their programs, and among them was Beth Wilkins, telling of her group for heart patients at Memorial Hospital. John Irvine gave the invocation at the event; Shirley Beyer, J. C. Dollar, Ellie Ketcham, Marjorie Long, and Richard McBride were also there. The Community Council is made up of representatives from various helping agencies in Alamance County, including all that participate in the United Way....

Thanks to Mary Shaw Cunningham and Paul and Ruth Cheek who spend one morning nearly every week in our church library with old photographs

from our church's past, matching names and faces, thus getting our historical files in better shape. They've been at this for months ....Attending the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference at Catawba College this past weekend as our official representative was Bertie Fields. (Bertie couldn't take notes because of a painful injury to two fingers she received when her hand was caught in a door while she was on shipboard between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Portland, Maine, on her recent bus trip; a women passenger was making a rapid dash for the rest room and inadvertently slammed the door on Bertie's right hand.) Others at Catawba included Beth Lyon, Bill and Carey Andes, Al Hurst, John Irvine, Richard McBride, and J. C. Dollar. The program was good and the facilities had really been spruced up....Didn't our young people look and sound good in church on Youth Sunday June 12th? So many of them, taking so many parts in the service; it was an eye-opener to several folks to see how many young people are involved now in our growing youth program....Out in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the news is good from little Heather Cochrane, burn victim in a terrible accident in which her older brother lost his life; George Edwards tells us his great-neice has been taken off the critical list. But she still has many operations (skin grafts) and a long ways to go, so keep her in your prayers....

Marion and Jim Underwood celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on June 14th and the Fun Club, meeting for a picnic in the back yard of Bob and Mary Kimball happily serenaded them....Bill Terrell wasn't feeling too well one recent afternoon and told Evelyn he didn't think he'd go to Rotary Club that evening, which caused some consternation and hasty maneuvering to get him to change his mind on the part of Evelyn, Earl Danieley and Ray Covington. What Bill didn't know was that he was scheduled to receive the Paul Harris Award, highest honor that can be given a Rotarian, at that meeting. He got there after all, and when the award recipient was announced, it was a complete surprise. Congratulations, Bill!

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WORKDAY! WORKDAY! WORKDAY! WORKDAY!

There will be a workday, Saturday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. to clear out Robin's office and clean the hall closets so that we have storage space for the afterschool program. Board of C.E. members, afterschool committee members, and all other interested energetic souls are urged to attend.

Do you have a dehumidifier the church could use? In order to make Robin McCraw's new office habitable, it needs one. If you can help, please call the church office. An area rug and some new curtains would also be nice.

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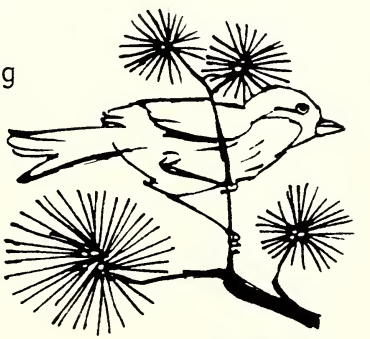
JUNE CALENDAR

16 -	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:30 p.m.	Burlington Area Youth Planning
19 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Youth
	5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
26 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Youth
28 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Meeting Parish House



YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to acolytes Daniel Doyle and Ryan Harris, greeters Travis Loy and Don Danley, ushers Rob Woody, Brian Rose, Jamie Brown, and Scott Dollar, and liturgists Brian Rose, Ivy Anderson, Katie Brown, and Brian Harper for a great Youth Sunday!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, June 19	12 noon	Meet in the Youth Room after church and bring a lunch. We'll plan our Camping Trip. First we need to decide when we can all go. Afterwards we'll play some volleyball, so bring a change of clothes.
Sunday, June 26	12 noon	Pizza after church in the Youth Room. We'll plan our party to benefit the Parish House kitchen and names will be given out for our "Youth Visit Youth" project. You'll get a chance to introduce someone new to the Youth group.

Other upcoming events will have to be scheduled around our camping trip, but one firm date to keep in mind is Friday, July 15. We have the city pool reserved for a Pool Party for Burlington Area UCC Youth groups.

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THE CHURCH BUDGET

Our Church Budget has two aspects which differ from customary budgeting procedures. First, we have certain programs that we want to support but don't have revenues adequate to fund them. We try to provide for these through Challenge Gifts. Second, members of our congregation have particular Church activities that are important to them and, as a consequence, they make contributions to the Church that are aimed at those purposes. I refer to these as Flow-through Gifts and put them in the budget because I think this gives us a more complete picture of our financial activities. The amounts reflected in the budget in this category are a direct reflection of the amounts given in the prior year and, hopefully, are a good indicator of what will be done this year.

From time to time I would like to give you a status report on these budget items and ask that you consider special contributions aimed at those that are of special interest to you.

John Ketcham, Treasurer

	1988 Budget	Given to Date
Challenge Gifts		
Elon College Pride II Fund	$1,000.00	$ 310.00
Choir Supplies	400.00	-0-
Display Board	300.00	-0-
Guest Musicians	225.00	-0-
Adult Education	100.00	-0-
Youth Program & Travel	200.00	115.00
Cub Scout Program	200.00	-0-
Girl Scout Program	50.00	-0-
Fellowship Supplies	100.00	-0-
Flow-through Gifts		
Endowment Fund	$4,600.00	-0-
Cornerstone Campaign	5,300.00	1,547.50
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,600.00	1,283.00
Neighbors in Need	700.00	-0-
Veterans of the Cross	451.00	-0-
Good Samaritan Fund	880.00	1,003.06
Elon Home for Children	677.00	-0-
Women's Fellowship - OCWM	200.00	485.00
Youth Library	221.00	-0-
Fellowship Paper Supplies	16.00	-0-
Boy Scout Program	500.00	902.00

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
May 31 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	46,916.14	42,176.2
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	2,231.20	6,675.7
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	1,097.60	1,244.3
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	125.00	0.0
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.0
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	93.96	345.0
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	728.25	239.2
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	51,192.15	50,680.5
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	727.00	1,085.1
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	5,500.00	2,400.0
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	150.00	0.0
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	0.0
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	6,377.00	3,485.1
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	190.00	412.2
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	75.00	145.9
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	4,139.11	3,519.6
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	4,404.11	4,077.8
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	1,158.00	2,899.3
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	4,020.66	3,744.0
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	5,178.66	6,643.3
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	9,957.00	10,877.7
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	2,667.42	3,026.6
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	1,008.54	638.6
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	13,632.96	14,543.0
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	0.0
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	19,448.10	16,761.4
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	88.00	19.1
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	19,536.10	16,780.6
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	1,840.00	0.0
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	50,968.83	45,530.0
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	223.32	5,150.5

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

July 3.

"Stewards of History" from II Corinthians 5:17-20 will be the sermon subject during the Fourth of July weekend. How do we as Christians think of history and our role in it? And how does the nation figure in? Hymns will be "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and "God of Grace and God of Glory" (stanzas 1,3,5).

Dr. Irvine will be on vacation July 8-18.

July 10.

Beth Lyon will preach on "Traveling Light" from Mark 6:7-13. Hymns will include "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him," "Christ for the World We Sing," and "I Love to Tell the Story."

July 17th.

"No Dividing Wall" will be the subject of Beth Lyon's sermon, from Ephesians 2:11-22. We will sing "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Jesus Shall Reign."

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You Are Invited To A Kitchen Shower

FOR: Parish House Kitchen
HOSTS: The Youth Group
WHERE: The Parish House
WHEN: July 10th
TIME: 3:00--Until

All Church Members And Friends of The Church are invited to come. Gift suggestions are available at the church or through members of the Youth Group.

TORCHGLEAMS

Tom Conally and Robert Eyes, ham radio buffs, were out at Cedar Rock Park for 24 hours June 25-26 with the local group, which was competing with many others nationwide to see which group could contact the largest number of ham radio operators elsewhere in that time span. Spinning their control knobs, listening carefully, responding precisely in the arcane language of ham radio, keeping careful records, working with both the spoken word and Morse code, they and their colleagues were having a grand time linking themselves momentarily to far-off places. This year they broke camp before the storm hit; in a recent year a storm blew the tent down around Tom and his equipment, which must have been quite a sight...

Jackie Pendergrass is home after gall bladder surgery and coming along well...Lois Bost is recovering slowly from a catraract removal last week...Jennie Reddish is gravely ill at home...Kate McAdams has been having a difficult time lately and is quite weak...Gene Lankford had a little spell with his heart about a week ago but is back home and doing all right now...keep all these friends in your prayers!

Virginia Richardson, close to getting well from her broken ankle after a fall this winter, was honored at a party on her 80th birthday given by her children recently at Twin Lakes Center; congratulations, and we hope to see you back at church soon, Virginia!...Steve and Kim Perry and Rebecca have moved to 2152 Carroll Drive; we hope their new home will prove a joy...Ray Covington and his fiancee Mona Stadler, who will be married August 13th, are buying the home behind Earl and Verona Danieley's house...The Danieleys drove up to Baltimore to attend the service at which Tom Hamilton was honored for having been ordained 30 years; the honoring was designed as a surprise to Tom by his pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Heasley...Eleanore Kittenger, who now lives at Penick Episcopal Home in Southern Pines, was home for a visit and at worship Sunday, looking fit...Congratulations to Lisa Lofton and Armon Watson Waters, III who were married in our sanctuary June 15th; Lisa works at Roche after completing an Associate Degree at Elon College a couple of years ago; Armon will be a senior there this year. Dr. Irvine performed the ceremony...

Every so often storage areas need to be gone through and unneeded items discarded or given away; such was the case with the unused classroom at the east end of the building on the ground floor, which will be Robin McCraw's office as Director of our After-School Care program this fall.

TORCHGLEAMS - con't.

Thanks to the following who cleaned out it and all the hall closets this past Saturday: Robin, Roberta Starr, Melva Foster, Nora Griswold, Sue Brown, Beth Lyon, and Nancy Lu and John Irvine. They unearthed some treasures as well as some trash--two wonderful record players and 2 Westminster Bible Maps which our church school had lost track of for some time...Jimmy Scott has found a young man at Elon Home for Children named Andy Witham who is interested in electronics, and has been training him in the operation of our sound system for the times when Jimmy is away. Welcome on board, Andy!...

Having noticed each year that a number of chimney swifts spend the summer in our church's chimney, Dr. Irvine finally got around to counting them one recent evening at dusk. Like children reluctant to come in and go to bed, they circle the sky making many preliminary passes before finally braking, sideslipping, and dropping into the chimney. In an eight-minute period from 8:55 to 9:03, 122 of the twinkly gray birds dropped out of their day-long feeding on the wing. Does that mean there are 122 nests on which mates are brooding the two eggs? Or are the young now hatched and there are 61 nests with both parents feeding them? Or are the young already fledged, meaning there are about 30 nests? Surely there are some nests present, for 122 non-breeding girds in one place is rather unthinkable. Whichever it is, it's another sign of the hospitality of our church (see Psalm 84:3)...

Congratulations to J. C. Dollar, who was recently honored by the Graham Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association as "Business Associate of the Year." His co-worker at Elon Homes for Children, Shirley Yoder, had nominated him for the award. She noted that "he has had a positive impact on the quality of care provided the hundreds of children, youth, and families served by Elon Homes." J. C. is also the 1987-88 president of the Southeastern Child Care Association...

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Holt Sutton

3 - Frances Longest
Dewey T. Holt

4 - Kim Shomaker
Jefferson D. Wilkins III

6 - Mark Danieley

7 - Jeff D. Wilkins

8 - Josie Huey

9 - Tom Edgerton
Earl Parker
Rita D. Snyder

11 - Lou Harper

13 - George W. Colclough
Adelia J. Truitt
Rowena Parcell

17 - Bill Barbee

20 - Sue Brown

21 - Winifred Barney
Robert C. Baxter
Reuben E. Seamster

22 - Irma Seamster

23 - Phyllis Newnam

24 - Fred Holt
Wayne Bunting

25 - Jackie Pendergrass
Chris Vickers

26 - Helene Hayward

28 - J. Earl Danieley
Cindy Rinker Lamond

29 - David B. Young
Kala Vickers

30 - Lorene Lyon

31 - Carolyn Y. Powell

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CIRCLE #1 will meet for a July meeting on July 5th at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Mary Kimball, 524 Oakland Avenue, Burlington. We hope all members will be able to attend.

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JULY CALENDAR

2	9:00 a.m.	Playground Work Day
3	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Youth
4		Church Office Closed
5	10:30 a.m.	Circle #1 Home of Mrs. Mary Kimball
10	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
15	6:30 p.m.	Youth Pool Party
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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday July 3	12 noon	"Dog Days" Co-operative Lunch plus a segment of Degrassi Jr. High plus a discussion on depression. Bring a friend!
Sunday July 10	3:00 P.M.	Party for the Parish House. We'll plan food, decorations, and games. Members of the church will be asked to bring a gift for the Parish House kitchen.
Friday July 15	6:30-9:30	Pool Party with Burlington Area UCC youth at the city pool.

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PLAYGROUND NEEDS HELP!

Or, more precisely, Robin Woody needs help in getting thie playground's equipment erected. At the last Thursday evening work session Paul Cheek, Rob Woody, and Bob Lyon were helping, but a lot more hands will make the next work day go faster. Robin will begin work at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 2. Let's show him some support! The playground will benefit not only our after-school program which begins in late August, but all our children's programming in the church in its many forms. It makes a statement to the community about our commitment to children in this church which will be very valuable to us.

HABITAT NEWS

Construction on Alamance County Habitat's first house, on Union Avenue, is running so well ahead of schedule it looks as if Gordon and Teri Riley and their children will be able to move in several weeks ahead of the time of dedication on Wednesday, August 17th, when Millard Fuller and the walkers arrive in Burlington on the great House-Raising Walk from Portland, Maine, to Atlanta. Finishing of the sheet rock inside is almost complete and soon it will be time to paint. The Rileys have already put in more than their required 400 hours of "sweat equity."

At the Board meeting June 21st a second family, Dana and Carolyn Fox and their four children, were named as potential homeowners for the second house, which will be on the corner of Sellars and Ruffin Streets. The old house formerly located there was in disrepair and was not salvageabl and has been taken down. This second house will be "dried in" by a work crew of five people recruited from various places (including at least one person from overseas) and an equal number of local people during the week the Walk comes through. Dana has been putting in some "sweat equit already working on the Rileys' house, and Gordon Riley will be laying th brick around the foundation of Dana's house soon. Our church's young people will be helping at the second house the week after the walk.

If you are interested in donating some time for physical work at either project, call Hank Ogden, who is the Project Coordinator, at 584-7650 and he can give you up-to-date information. Materials need to be purchased, as not everything is donated free or at cost, and financial support will be gratefully accepted. Pray for this work, and for the Walk, which has just begun up in Portland.

- Chip McCraw

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WINDOW WASHING TO BEGIN AT CHURCH

Bobby "Beffy" Farrington, our custodian, will shortly begin cleaning the windows in our building. He would be grateful if anyone with old sheets that are not needed any more would donate them to the church to be used as rags for this project. Bring them to the church office. Thank you.

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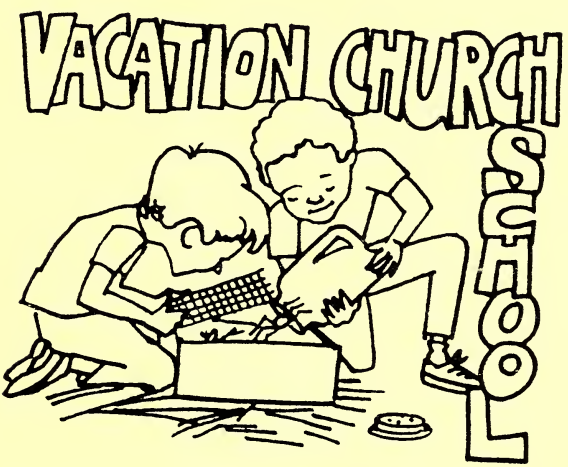
Elon College Community Church

August 1-5

9 A.M. - 12 NOON

3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE



Theme: "Habitat for Humanity:
Building With God's People
In Need."

Games! Music! Crafts! Fun!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
July 3	Willard and Sybil White	K. Brown/B. Harper	Daniele
10	Earl and Elizabeth Parker	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Edgerto
17	Charles and Gertrude Liscum	R. Harris/D. Doyle	W. Alex
24	George and Venita Edwards	E. Woody/A. Rose	F. Loy
31	Paul and Ruth Cheek	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Everett

	Nursery	Children's Church
July 3	Marie Wilkins	Marie or Jeff Wilkins
10	Kim Perry	Louis Wilkins
17	Susan Barbee	Patricia or Robin Woody
24	Jane Alexander	Lou Harper
31	Jackie Pendergrass	Beth Lyon

Worship Attendance for June

5	118	19	128
12	137	26	99

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FELLOWSHIP SESSION
THE MISSION OF ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The calendar for July notes a Fellowship Session for July 27, 1988 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. We will donate our time to reviewing the Mission of Elon College Community Church. The session is an outgrowth of the recent survey conducted for our congregation (of which you will hear more later) in which about 90% of those responding agreed or strongly agreed that now would be a good time to review our Mission. Moreover, the United Church of Christ Stewardship Council has developed a guide document to assist congregations in developing a mission statement.

Martin Shotzberger will lead the session. All members of the congregation are invited to participate. We will discuss:

1) What is a mission statement?
2) Who writes a mission statement?
3) The event.
4) What is done when a statement is written?
5) What are the results of a mission statement?

In our process we shall also review:

1) Other institutional mission statements.
2) Possible church mission statements.
3) Characteristics of mission statements.

We shall need about 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 hours of time.

The session should prove interesting and beneficial. So that we might prepare properly please call the church office 584-0391 to indicate your willingness to attend.

The session should be especially appropriate for members of the Council, the Board of Deacons and Committee chairs. Anyone is welcome. The session will last about 2 1/2 hours.

Martin Shotzberger

Elon College Community Church

August 1-5

9 A.M. - 12 NOON

3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE

Theme: "Habitat for Humanity:
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Games! Music! Crafts! Fun!

SCOUTS

Cubs attending CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP at the Burlington Moose Lodge, June 13-17:

Mat Mayse, Dylan Bragg, Josh Johnson, Jake Weatherston, Gregory Mroz, Josh Tucker, Ricky Irby, Adam Andrews, Jake Harris, Craig Wyrick, Jeremy Ireland, John Wesson, Chad Hensley, Brandon Hensley, Kaleb Krickham, Brent Altman, Aubrey Swaingin, Eric Wilkie, Jason Gray. Leaders: Diane Whittington, Judy Wyrick, Glen Howard.

Cubs who will attend WEBELOS CAMP at Camp Cherokee, July 24-27:

Eric Wilkie, Jason Morgan, Eric Yarbrough, Chip Friddle, Rodney Bailey, Ben Gill, Jeff Meyer, Kaleb Krickham, Brandon Hensley, Ray Dalrymple, Jared Buckner, Tray Hill, Jason Gray.

Leaders who will spend the three nights and four days at Camp: Glen Howard, Jim Pickens, and Henry Buckner.

Scouts from Troop 51 who attended SUMMER CAMP at Camp Cherokee, July 2-9:

Don Danley, Aaron Rice, Josh Cardon, Bob Giles, Brian Gray, Chris Talley, Joseph Howard, Benji Holt, Tray Hill, Adam Schull, Will Pickens, Kevin Mobley, Jamie Coble.

Scoutmaster Frank Danley spent the week at camp--other leaders who spent one or more nights were: Mike Holt, Jerry Rice, Ray Covington, and George Troxler.

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TORCHGLEAMS

Some people have it good escaping the heat! Helene Hayward, just back from visiting her son in Mendocino on the coast of Northern California, reports it didn't get over 70 while she was there. And the Hursts made it safely to Maine despite the many rainy driving hours in New England. "Today (July 3) has been sunny and beautiful, although the temperature remained in the sixties. It was so hot at home that Ruth says she forgot to bring her winter clothes along!" Stay warm, Ruth....Al reports a brief visit en route to Tom and Jane Hamilton. "The first they knew of the surprise was when they were in line for the processional and Tom saw Earl and Verona Danieley seated and looking back."

Janet, Mike, Elizabeth, and Matthew Mayse are moving to their newly completed home on Front Street. It's the new brick house set back from the road. We know they'll enjoy their beautiful new house and hope they'll soon be settled in.

Ray Covington is serving this week as the overall dean for the Senior High Workshop for the North Carolina Methodist Conference at Louisburg College. More than 100 senior high students will be participating in the workshop.

Richard Daniel got home safely from Duke Hospital last week after recuperating there from a heart attack but not without some adventure. Beth Lyon's Rabbit bit the dust in Graham on the way to take him home and Richard got a ride home with the state trooper. That's arriving in style!

Congratulations to our CROP Walkers Earl Danieley who raised over $700, to Nancu Ly Lrvine and Ellie Ketcham who each raised $100+ and to Al Carpenter, Ray Covington, Eugene Grimley, Julia Morris and Faye and Tom Conally who each raised over $50. Altogether 10 walkers representing our church earned $1,638.50. That's an impressive amount. Let's see if we can't top it in October.

The playground workday over the fourth of July weekend was very productive. With help from Robin Woody, our hard-working leader, John Irvine, Richard McBride, Paul Cheek, Bob Lyon, and Bill Andes the bridge is now completed. Andrew Lyon along with a few teenagers who may want to remain anonoymus, have already tried it out.

Biff Brafford spent a great many hours this spring helping convert the church's system from heating to air conditioning. A crucial part had

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worn out after all these years and it made for a delay until a replacement could be found. Thanks again, Biff; we don't know what we'd do without you.

Steve Ten Eyck taught the Intergenerational Class last Sunday. Under his able leadership, the class consisting of Louis Wilkins, Amy Rose, Lydia Troxler, and Hope Martin wrote a hymn based on Romans 12:4-8: "Each has his many gifts, to share the word of God, and we should do it cheerfully, teach his love from abroad." To those who missed hearing it, I can only say, it sounded beautiful.

Beth and Louis Wilkins have co-authored one of the programs in the recently published 1988-89 Worship Program Book, United Church of Christ: Journey Into the Future," published by the Office for Church Life and Leadership of the UCC: the tenth of the twelve programs, it is on the subject of "Purity of Heart." Each of the programs is based on a phrase from the Preamble to the Constitution of the United Church of Christ. Congratulations on a fine piece of work! A copy is available for your perusal in the church office. These are the programs used by our Women's Circles at their meetings.

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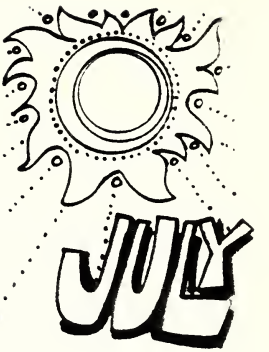
JULY CALENDAR



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YOUTH CALENDAR

15	6:30 p.m.	Pool Party with Burlington Area UCC you at the city pool.
24	7:00 p.m.	"Music Box" - a special movie. Bring a friend.
29,30,31		Camping Trip at Cedar Rock

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEN'S BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER AUCTION AND EXTRAVAGANZA

ON SEPTEMBER 10 1988 THE "AUCTION AND EXTRAVAGANZA" WILL BE HELD ON THE CHURCH LAWN AND WE WANT YOU AS A PARTICIPANT! WE WILL BE FORMING COMMITTEES SHORTLY TO DO ALL THE NECESSARY CHORES TO PRODUCE AN AUCTION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR A SPECIFIC JOB, PLEASE DO SO, IF NOT, PLEASE HELP US ON OUR AD HOC COMMITTEES.

OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO AN AUCTION ARE ITEMS TO SELL. PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED AND UNNEEDED ITEMS. WE NEED LARGE ITEMS AS WELL AS SMALL THINGS. YOU MAY CONSIDER BUYING SOME SMALL ITEMS TO DONATE. YOU MAY ALSO ASK YOUR EMPLOYER TO DONATE AN ITEM OR ITEMS TO THE SALE AS THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ADVERTISE.

THERE WILL BE FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE AS WELL AS A BAKE SALE.

PLEASE MAKE A LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU WILL DONATE TO THE AUCTION AND GIVE IT TO TOM CONALLY OR J.C. DOLLAR OR DROP IT INTO THE OFFERING PLATE ON SUNDAY. WE NEED TO START A LIST OF DONATIONS AS SOON AS WE CAN.

LETS MAKE THIS SALE MEMORABLE!!

Africa

Emily Wesson & Peter Millard

Willis Pierce Hospital
Mt. Selinda, Zimbabwe

ar friends:

e day we were all waiting for finally rived on Sunday morning, April 10 at 12 GMT (for you astrology buffs). The bor was unpleasant as usual but fortunately Emily had an excellent doctor o knew enouth to do nothing. The new arrival was nameless for only a short me until he received the Shona name Nyasha (grace) and then finally Andrew. looks like Joshua Nkomo, a big 8 lbs. 4 oz. Cameron and Maria are just e right age to have a little brother and love him to pieces. He seems to a sensible lad who does not make much noise.

is suits Peter fine, since he has been the lone doctor here for the past nth and the prospects are that he will remain so until we leave here at the d of June. Fortunately, the hospital has been quiet. Our business has been t in half since November, when the MNR bandits started causing trouble on is side of the border. The Zimbabwean army is camped outside of the hospital d the soldiers make rounds more often than the doctor, asking everyone they e for identification. Since most of our patients are Mozambicans and many e undoubtedly illegal immigrants, they try to keep as "healthy" as possible

e pediatric ward, on the other hand, is as busy as ever. We have 80 childre average, of which about 65 are there simply because of starvation. We now ve a child with cancrum oris, a necrotizing infection of the cheek seen only severely malnourished children. He has a hole in his cheek the size of a lfball but has gained 10 lbs. after a month in hospital and will go on to rare in a couple of weeks for plastic surgery. A girl came in the other day m Mozambique, 9 years old weighing only 21 lbs. which must be a record for time here, and this during a year when there has been a good harvest. The blem of starvation, as we have said before, has little to do with a lack food, but simply a lack of money to buy food.

continue to have great admiration for the health service in Zimbabwe, which vides free care to the needy and is a bargain for everyone else. Hospital d-and-board goes for $3 a day and a caesarian section costs $30. This trict of 350,000 people is served by 34 clinics, 2 hospitals, and a total 5 doctors; before majority rule in 1980 there were 4 clinics, one hospital one doctor for 200,000 Africans, and one doctor for 1000 whites. Currently % of pregnant women get some antenatal care and the infant mortality rate fallen from 120 per 1000 to 48 per 1000 deliveries. Neonatal tetanus used be rampant but it has now been almost elimated by immunization of pregnant nen. Don't get us wrong, things are not perfect (the hospital is all out of pirin!) but Zimbabwe has made tremendous advances in both health and educa- n since 1980.

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- Emily Wesson & Peter Millard - continued -

The situation in South Africa, though, continues to have a profound influen upon Zimbabwe and the rest of southern Africa. There have been several bomb ings committed by the South Africans within Zimbabwe, and they have continu to be the chief sponsors of the Mozambican "contras," the MNR, who have dev stated Mozambique and had a spree of killing innocent people within Zimbabw at the end of last year. The destabilization of Mozambique is an important part of the South African strategy of keeping the black African states depe dent on them by forcing them to use South African ports for their imports a exports. Zimbabwe, for example, is a landlocked country that depends on So African transport routes for the majority of its overseas trade because the routes Zimbabwe would prefer to use in Mozambique are unsafe.

Regan's and Thatcher's policy of "destructive engagement" has emboldened South Africa to escalate its wars in Angola and Mozambique. Here at Mt. Selinda that has translated into an increasing number of war casualties, a total of 100 axe and gunshot wounds and landmine-blast injuries since last November. One massacre just across the border resulted in 40 deaths and 16 severe injuries, all of which came to our hospital in the back of a flatbed truck like so many sheep after a slaughter. The attachs usually come at 5 a.m. when everyone is still asleep and the victims are characteristacally the young, the old, and women who are not able to escapt as quickly as the men. Mozambique is in a shambles and 5 million people are faced with the possibility of starvation primarily because of the MNR. One third of all th health centers and a comparable number of schools in Mozambique have been destroyed.

Since the army is all around us and the MNR avoid the Zimbabwean army at al costs, we are personally safe. Besides our hospital work, Emily has been di tributing clothes to those patients in rags. Peter's running friends have b sending T-shirts from road races and have been distributed to those in need and sometimes it is quite hilarious to see an old grandma, thin as a rail a coughing up blood from TB, with a T-shirt that says "Diet Pepsi 10K" or som thing equally absurd. Peter has been visiting 11 clinics in the district a doing a water project for the hospital which consists of a 12,000 gallon rainwater-catchment tank and a slow sand-filter to purify water from a sour within the forest. We have also been involved with the local church and wi the Quaker Meeting in Harare, and we have plenty of friends both on and off the mission.

We are looking forward to getting back to Maine in August after making stop in Lisbon, London and New York en route. We plan to stay in Orono for a tim and Peter is looking for a job that doesn't include amputations. Maria and Cameron are particularly looking forward to ice cream and dolls that talk. With love and hopes for peace,

Peter + Emily

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship Planning Grou meets Thursday, July 21, at 8 p.m.: To plan for Church-Wide Auction Saturday, September 10. To discuss financial goals for the Auction. To develop participation of the entire church in the Auction.

y, July 24, the Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. in the h House. Tom Conally and J. C. Dollar will have the program. J. Earl ley and crew to prepare the breakfast. All men are invited and urged tend.

ngton Area Laymen's Fellowship meets Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m. Men the Elon Church meet in the south parking lot and leave for Carolina h at 6:30 p.m.

s to Robin Woody and other men for the building of the playground equip- on the church grounds. We are especially grateful to Bob and Beth Lyon. heir son, Andrew, for their help; they are always there and they are workers. The next work day is Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. More workers eeded.

(W. J. Andes)

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PLAYGROUND WORK DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 16th

9:00 A.M.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
June 30 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUA TO DAT
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	53,963.38	49,290.5
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	2,284.00	7,164.2
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	1,258.23	1,391.6
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	250.00	0.0
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.0
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	129.75	420.0
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	1,042.50	269.2
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	58,927.86	58,535.6
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	862.40	1,820.4
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	7,800.00	5,100.0
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	300.00	0.0
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	51.0
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	8,962.40	6,971.4
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	305.50	412.2
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	150.00	145.9
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	5,172.75	3,981.7
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	5,628.25	4,539.9
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	1,703.50	3,283.1
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	4,786.50	4,223.8
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	6,490.00	7,506.9
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	12,162.00	13,594.6
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	3,175.50	3,332.0
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	1,143.50	638.6
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	16,481.00	17,565.3
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	50.0
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	23,152.50	20,715.3
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	100.00	19.1
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	23,252.50	20,784.5
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	2,208.00	0.0
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	63,022.15	57,368.2
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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

August 7

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August 14

The sermon will be on Psalm 121, "The God Who Keeps." Hymns will be "O Worship the King," "How Firm a Foundation," and "Our God, Our Hel in Ages Past."

August 21. "Football Sunday."

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A MISSION STATEMENT FOR OUR CHURCH

Everyone is invited to participate in the development of a statement of mission for the Elon College Community Church. Dr. Martin Shotzberger will lead us in a session which is scheduled to be held in the Parish House on Wednesday evening, August 10.

Come at 6:30 p.m. for dessert together before the session begins at 7:00 p.m.

In the recent survey, more than 80% of those responding said that now "is a good time to review our mission." The Church Council is giving all of us the opportunity of being involved in this important task.

Mark your calendar. Invest your time and energies in this important ta

Earl Danieley, Moderator

HABITAT WALKERS HERE SOON

The Big Day for our local Habitat group is fast approaching! Wednesday, August 17th, the 1988 Habitat House-Raising Walk will be coming through Alamance County. Millard and Linda Fuller and about 100 walkers, some of them from overseas Habitat projects, will be here, eighteen months and two days after Millard spoke at our church and set the Habitat cause before us. He will be leading in the dedication of our local project's first house at 1:30 p.m. Then the Walk will proceed to our second site, at Sellars and Ruffin Streets, where a work crew will be busily raising the second house. This will be one of about 120 houses being built along the Walk route from Maine to Georgia. The walkers will end up at Elon College, where they will spend the night in a bed for a change. (Usually they have slept in sleeping bags on the floor of church fellowship halls.) Thanks to the Elon College administration for providing this hospitality! Next morning at 6:30 they'll head out for Greensboro.

Such a walk requires a support staff, and we had been originally told the walk's command center trailer would be with us for three days, Tuesday through Friday across that week. As the TORCH was going to press we received word that the system has changed and the command center moves daily with the walk--so we will only be hosting the support staff on Wednesday, the day the walk comes through. We will provide them office space in our church. The Circles that agreed to provide lunch on Tuesday and Thursday will not need to do so now. The staff has made a request for some volunteer help to answer the phone, help with mailings, etc. If you could give Habitat some time that morning or afternoon please let us know in the church office. We especially need help in the afternoon after our secretary leaves at 2:00.

Everyone in our church family is invited to attend the dedication at 1:30 at 221 Union Avenue, and the Community Covered Dish Supper and Rally to be held at Burlington City Park for the walkers at 6:30 that evening. After the meal there will be an entertaining "Habitat Olympics" and Millard Fuller will speak. Our Women's Fellowship will be supplying paper goods for the supper. Bring your favorite dish and join us for what promises to be an inspirational evening. If it rains, the dinner and rally will be held at Front Street Methodist Church. Also, if you would like to join the walkers for part of their route, perhaps raising some pledges for your participation, let our pastor know and he will give you further information.

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WANTED:
Items for ECCC Afterschool Program:

Games: In good condition with all game pieces.

Puzzles: Appropriate for ages 5-10. With all pieces.

Flash Cards: Any variety

Legos

Lincoln Logs

Outdoor Games: Hula Hoops, Kiddie Bowling set, Ring Toss and other safe games.

Popcorn Popper

Crockpot/Slow Cooker

Clothes: pants, shorts and shirts for boys and girls ages 5-10.

If you have any of these items to donate call Beth Lyon at Church or Robin McCraw at 584-6604.

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YOU'RE INVITED

TO

ECCC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

Date: Thursday, August 18th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Place: Educational Wing of ECCC

*Refreshments will be served.

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TORCHGLEAMS

Ray Covington is counting down the days till August 13th when he and Mona Stadler will be married at Front Street Methodist Church. After a honeymoon in the Islands they will live in the house behind Earl and Verona Danieley's....Ellie and John Ketcham have gone to seek the cool breezes on Martha's Vineyard....Gladys Hughes went up in the mountains to a writer's workshop recently; Leroy tagged along and had a good time in the cooler air....The Bill Beyer family found Vermont warmer than normal on their vacation this year.

Our deep sympathy to Paul Reddish in the recent death of his wife Jennie, and to Birdie Scott and her family in the death of her husband A.C..... Heather Cochrane, the great-niece of Venita and George Edwards, who was burned so severely in the accident that took the life of her older brother, has been released from the hospital in Tulsa, but there is much work to be done still on this 9-year-old's scars, psychological and otherwise. Her family still has a long row to hoe. Continue to pray for them....Ed and Jean Simons are back from a trip that took them out west to Oregon and Montana to visit family....

Others going west included the Jeff Wilkins family. Jeff attended a veterinarians' meeting in Portland, OR. Marie and Meg and Jeff went up on Mount Hood where people ski year round and found it chillier than they were prepared for. (Baby Anna stayed home with her grandmother in North Carolina where it was warm.) Then they drove down the Oregon and California coasts to San Francisco before flying home....Earl and Elizabeth Parker are off on a trip involving car, plane, and train travel, driving to Chicago, flying to Seattle and Bellingham, WA, riding Amtrak from Portland to Denver and later back to Chicago. Sounds both complicated and fun....

Congratulations to Susan Sorrell and Chris Vickers, who were married in Richmond on July 23rd, and to Vickie Freeman and Jay Luke, married in Winston-Salem the same day. The Lukes will live in Greenville, NC.; the Vickers will live in Elon College....

The Mayses have moved into their new home at 2210 West Front Street.... Ruth Wilkins, Louis' mother, is in Memorial Hospital but hopes to be out before long....J. C. Dollar has had to scale down on his work at doctor's orders as his pace was taking a toll....Fortunately the new Campus Director at Elon Home for Children, Doug Hammond, arrived to help out right about then. But his family's entry into our community will make a story to tell to the grandchildren. Deanna and their three children arrived on Monday

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TORCHGLEAMS - con't. -

and Tuesday Deanna woke up ill; by week's end she had had a large kidney stone removed. She is better and things are slowly getting back on track. The children have come to Vacation Church School--VCS to the rescue! Speaking of VCS, we had 25 children attending Monday and 29 Tuesday--about twice our advance registration.

Congratulations to Biff and Doris Brafford who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary July 31st....At least three couples in our congregation are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversaries this year: Mary and Buster Butler, Ruth and Paul Cheek, Verona and Earl Danieley. Any others?

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TIME AGAIN

Last year our Elon College Community Church softball team, under the able leadership of Bill Blanchard, won the local UCC "flight B" championship. This year we'll be at it again, with the first game set for McCray Field at 8:30 Monday, August 8th, against Union Ridge. If we win Monday we will next play at the Haw River Field on Tuesday night at 7:30, if we lose, at the same place at 8:30. Come out and give some support to our men!

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of Jennie Reddish deeply appreciates and gratefully acknowledges the kind expressions of sympathy and the wonderful acts of neighborliness during the illness and death of Mrs. Reddish.

She died July 15, 1988. Memorial Services were held July 18 at the Rich and Thompson Funeral Chapel in Burlington.

We thank God that for Jennie Reddish all sickness and sorrow are ended, and death itself is past and that she has entered the home where God's people gather in peace. May God bless and keep Paul Reddish, her husband, and other members of the family.

W. J. Andes

THE BURLINGTON DISTRICT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS HOLDING IT S ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DURING THE WEEK OF AUG. 8-13, 1988, TO CONCLUDE ON SAT. AUG. 13 WITH A BAR-B-QUE LUNCH & SUPPER AT THE HAW RIVER U.C.OF C.

PICNIC TICKETS $4.

THE PROCEEDS ARE USED TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH. (LAST YEAR, OUR JOHN BARBEE WAS AWARDED A $500 SCHOLARSHIP).

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AFFAIR BY PURCHASING TICKETS. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, YOU MAY GIVE THEM TO OTHERS OR MAY CONTRIBUTE YOUR TICKETS TO THE ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN TO SPONSOR A YOUNGSTER'S ATTENDANCE.

TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, FROM MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OR FROM JIM UNDERHILL (584-7097).

MEN: SOFTBALL PLAYERS ARE NEEDED. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE OR BILL BLANCHARD.

LADIES: CAKES & PIES ARE NEEDED FOR ASSOCIATED BAKE SALE, SAT.AUG.13. PLEASE VOLUNTEER THRU ROBERTA IN CHURCH OFFICE.

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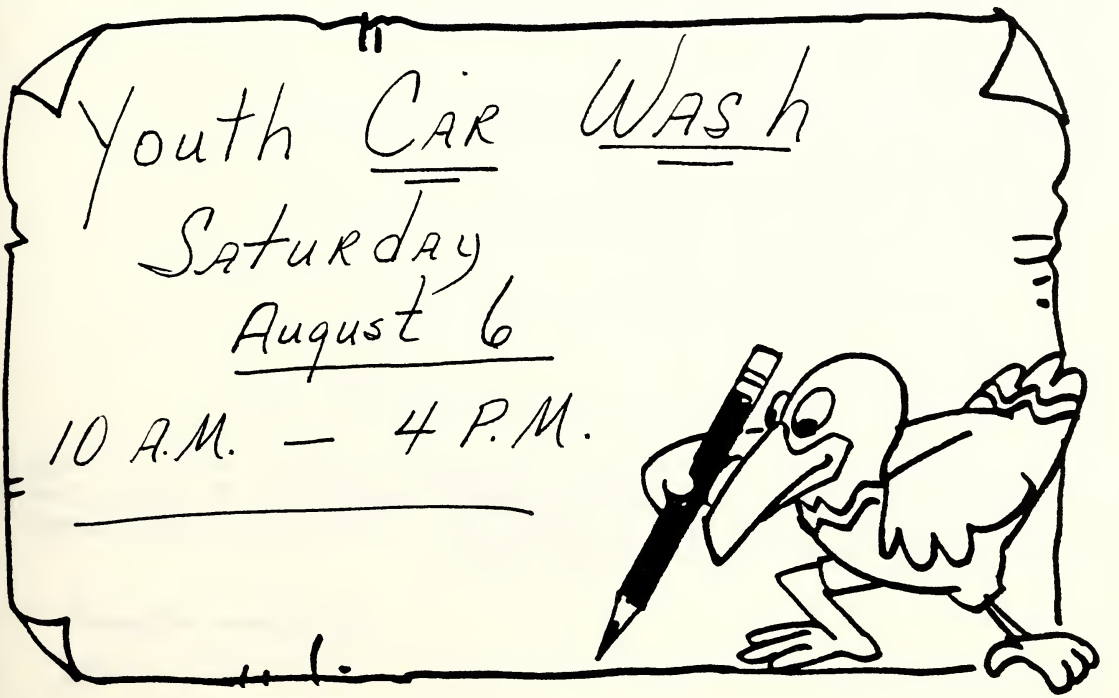
HELP WANTED

Caring, enthusiastic people of all ages to teach Children's Church School. Currently we have one opening in the pre school class and two openings in the broadly graded elementary class. You couldn't ask for a better group of children to teach. They're loving, responsive, and bright. They need you. If you are interested in teaching in our church school program this fall, see Beth Lyon or Louis Wilkins for details.

The Board of Christian Education

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

So far our Church has pledged $1,414.00 for the 1989 Cornerstone Campaign. Please remember to send in your pledge.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Stephen Ten Eyck
T. Edward Powell III

2 - Melinda T. Reinheimer

3 - David Harper
Heather Denise Jordan

4 - Robert Woody III

9 - David Byers
Tim Vickers

10 - Charles Terrell
Anna Law

11 - Kenneth Hughes

12 - Maria Parker

13 - Alfred W. Hurst
Katherine Brown
Norma Matlock

17 - Malvin Artley, Sr.
Del Atkinson
Lorie Ann Smith
W. E. Lowe
Matthew Mayse
Evella Sutton

18 - Sandy Allen

19 - Mary Louise Boyd
W. R. Pendergrass

21 - Thomas L. Smith
Gregory Bunting
Meg Wilkins

22 - Frances Powell
Dana Currin Holt

23 - Kay Allen
Frank Piercy

24 - Nathan Allen

25 - Sheldon Cheek
Graham Cheek
Macon Albertson

26 - Ruth Drumm

27 - Lynn Grinnalds

28 - John Powell

29 - Elna Huey

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LET'S FINISH THE PLAYGROUND!

Robin Woody has called another Work party for Saturday morning, August 13th, beginning at 9 a.m. If enough people come help, it may be possible to finish work on the playground structure. There are not many weeks left before our After-School Program begins.

Let this be our destiny
to share our lives together
that we may with one voice
glorify God

Dr. Malvin N. Artley and Ms. Joan B. Artley

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Melanie Sue

to

Mr. Lee Ferguson Porterfield

Saturday, the twentieth of August

Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

at two-thirty in the afternoon

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Elon College, North Carolina

Reception immediately
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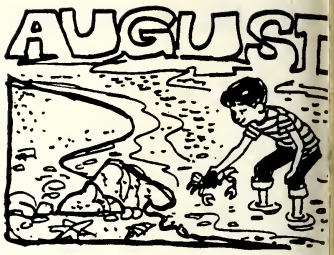
AUGUST CALENDAR



1	-	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
		10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
2	-	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
3	-	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
4	-	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
5	-	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
6	-	10:00 a.m.	Youth Car Wash
7	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
8	-		UCC Softball Tournament entire week
10	-	6:30 p.m.	Dessert - Design Mission Statement for ECCC
14	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:00 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity - Parish House
		7:00 p.m.	Youth
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
17	-		Habitat Walk Day
18	-	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Afterschool Open House
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
19	-	9:30 a.m.	Youth - Emerald Point
21	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
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		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
22	-	7:00 p.m.	Troop 51 Court of Honor - Parish House
23	-	7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
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YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to all who supported the Parish House Kitchen Party given by the youth. The food, the flowers, the gifts for the kitchen are all appreciated. We hope that we've helped to make the kitchen an easier place to work in.

The Youth

The Burlington Area UCC youth pool party was a giant success. Those who missed the Waco Water Oplympics will want to ask Rob and Brian what that was all about. Over 65 people came to the event at the city pool and had such a great time that we hope to do this every year.

COMING EVENTS:

turday
g. 6 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Car Wash to raise funds for the Emerald Point trip. In the upper lot.

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g. 14 7 p.m. Youth Room. A short study on "Revelation." Do movies like "The Seventh Sign" make you wonder what the Bible has to say? Come find out.

iday
g. 19 9:30-5 p.m. Emerald Point with First Christian UCC. Parents needed.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flower
Aug. 7	George and Clara Noah	K. Brown/B. Harper	Pender
14	Tom and Faye Conally	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Beyer
21	George and Carole Troxler	R. Harris/D. Doyle	G. Vic
28	Lucille Howard and Mabel Veazey	E. Woody/A. Rose	Braffo

Worship Attendance for July

3	-	100	24	-	89
10	-	81	31	-	87
17	-	90			

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August 28.

The last of the August series of sermons on the Psalms by Dr. Irvine will be "The God Who Rescues" from Psalm 107. Hymns will include "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and the spiritual, "When Israel Was In Egypt's Land."

September 4.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Tongue Loosened, Tongue Curbed" from Mark 7:31-37 and James 1:19, 26; 3:1-11. Hymns will include "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Jesus Calls Us," and "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak."

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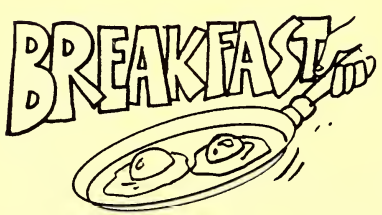

Sunday, September 4 there will be a Family Pot-luck Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish House. There will be no regular Church School that Sunday. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

-Beth Lyon

ORCHGLEAMS

ot one but two new babies in our church family this week! Sue and im Brown's fourth child arrived at 4:45 a.m. Friday, August 12th, little girl named Laura Susan who weighed 9 lbs. 13 oz. Congratu- ations to the family and to grandparents Bill and Helene Ellis. aura just missed having to share a birthday with oldest sister atie.

he other baby is a new grandchild of Sibyl and Willard White. Their aughter Karen Elmore and her husband Joe of Charlotte, already par- nts of two sons, now have a daughter, who was born Saturday evening, ugust 13th, and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Her name is Candice Michel. ongratulations!

e keep hearing of more and more far-flung travel itineraries for ummer vacations. Mona and Dee Atkinson are back from Alaska; they ere able to drive onto the ferry to come back down the inland channel rom Alaska to the Lower 48--without a reservation!--saving a long rive back along the Alcan Highway they had just traversed.... eanwhile, Cary and Jackie Matlock were driving some 9200 miles in 2 days on the Grand Circuit--Canadian Rockies, Victoria, down to os Angeles, Grand Canyon, El Paso, over into Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, ouston Astrodome, etc.

uis Wilkin's mother Ruth was well enough to return to her home in rginia after a stay of some weeks in local hospitals; we're ateful....Heather Cochrane, great-niece to Venita and George Edwards, s had to return to her Tulsa hospital for more skin grafts; keep this ild in your prayers for both her physical and emotional health as she ghts her way out of the aftermath of a terrible accident...

ip McCraw will move to a new job with Cablevision in Greensboro ortly, working with videotaping; it's a special joy for him as he ll be doing more creative work than his previous jobs with the company ve involved. Chip has been hard at work developing a videotape for r local Habitat for Humanity publicity purposes....At the same time, s wife Robin will be beginning her work as Director of our church's w Afterschool Program. Thanks to all who have helped get her office d other areas cleaned out and set up over the last several months to t ready for this....

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TORCHGLEAMS - con't.

John and Nancy Lu Irvine and John's parents attended the Irvine family reunion at Fisherville, Virginia, on August 14th. The reunion is held in the fellowship hall of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, which has been designated a national historical site. John's father remembers going to Sunday School in that building 80 years ago when he was five, and John remembers going to family reunions there 50 years ago when he was ten. Since the 1987 reunion, the building, unchanged for all those years, had been completely renovated, remodeled, and air conditioning had been added. After lunch, people stayed and talked for a long time, so pleasant was the new indoors environment!...

Earl and Verona Danieley flew to New Orleans to attend the 1988 National Convention of the Republican Party....Della Luke found a teaching position in an elementary school in Hickory, N.C., and her mother Lois will be teaching full time at Southern Alamance High School; we wish them both well in their new places of work....After operations to drain fluid from each ear to help with a balance problem, Bob Kimbal found his hearing was sharply improved: serendipitous, and we rejoice with you, Bob!

Habitat's second house was going up swiftly with a work crew hard at work, and the walkers were in Orange County and almost here as this was written. They were looking forward to a chance to sleep in a bed for a change when they reached Elon College....Many thanks to all the folk helping in various ways with this big event, which should do wonders for publicizing Habitat's work in Alamance County....

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AUGUST CALENDAR

18 -	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Afterschool Open House
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
19 -	9:30 a.m.	Youth - Emerald Pointe
21 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Football Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
22-24	8:00 a.m.	Youth - Habitat Happening
23 -	7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
25 -		Afterschool begins
28 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Youth
29 -	7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Committee
30 -	7:30 p.m.	Youth Planning Meeting

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RICHARD DANIEL GIVEN PLAQUE

On August 7th at morning worship Richard Daniel, our former custodian, was presented a plaque from the church in gratitude for his faithful service from 1983 to 1988, plus a check.

Richard and Eva want to thank the members of the congregation not only for the plaque and the farewell gift, but also for all the kindnesses shown them across the years. They are deeply grateful.

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MISSION STATEMENT PREPARATION UNDER WAY

On Wednesday, August 10th, Martin Shotzberger led 23 members of our church, most of whom represented the various Boards, in the initial stages of preparation of a new mission statement for Elon College Community Church. The group looked at mission statements of Elon College and several other organizations, and then broke into three smaller groups each of which wrote its own statement.

A committee of members representing each of the three groups will meet to draw these together and the original group will reconvene at a time to be announced. Everyone interested can come to hear that presented and discussed. Afterwards the resulting proposal will be presented to the congregation for approval. We thank Dr. Shotzberger for his fine leadership in this project. Watch for the date in a future issue of the TORCH.

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SEPTEMBER AUCTION AND EXTRAVAGANZA

Another project of the Men's Fellowship is the Auction, set for Saturday, September 10. We will need items to sell, your unwanted and unneeded items, large items and small things, food donations, etc.

The Yard Sale begins at 8 a.m. and the auction will probably be at 10 a.m. Special music will be on hand. There will be activities for children and young people. You will find SCOUTS helping in many ways.

Tom Conally is the chairman of the Auction. He has 9 committees at work.

REMEMBER THE DATE: Saturday, September 10!

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YOUTH NEWS

Friday, August 19	9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Meet in First Christian UCC parking lot for a trip to Emerald Pointe.
Mon.-Wed. August 22-24	8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Habitat Happening. Come work on a Habitat Project here in Burlington.
Sunday, August 28	7:00 p.m.	Revelation: Part II in the Youth Room.
Sunday, Sept. 4	12 noon	Lunch and Planning for fall. Be there!

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Can you carry a tune? Can you sing? The ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsals for this season on Wednesday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. We have a great musical year ahead and hope that many of our own church family will join the choir. We have received a great many new anthems over the summer and I look forward to beginning a new season. The choir's strength is in numbers, and I heartily invite you to serve your church in a very special way.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A special thank you to all who made our Vacation Church School so successful. This was the first year in some time that we had our own daytime VCS for children. We hoped that this would be a good form of outreach. It certainly succeeded. Of the 29 children who attended, 16 were children of families already related to the church and 13 were not. We studied Habitat for Humanity with the children which gave us a good opportunity to talk about the way God can dramatically change a human life (Millard Fuller's) and how we are called to live our faith in service to others. The children collected $100 for the Alamance County Chapter of Habitat.

Thank you to the planning committee Nora Griswold, Lou Harper, Nancy Lu Irvine, and Janet Mayse, to Lou and Andrea Albertson for their beautiful posters and Charles Liscum for putting up our yard sign. Thanks to Shannon Albertson and Nora Griswold for minding the nursery all week, to Carole Troxler for leading the music, to Marie Wilkins for teaching the preschoolers and Nancy Lu for teaching 4th and 5th grade (I had 1st-3rd). Thanks to Janet Mayse who did a little bit of everything to keep things running, to John Irvine for conducting our field trips and cooking our hot dog lunch, to Paul Cheek for taking the slides for our final program and to all our Circles of The Women's Fellowship who provided and served snacks. As you can tell, it was a group effort of which we can be proud.

- Beth Lyon

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LET'S FINISH THE PLAYGROUND

Robin Woody hopes that only one more WORK DAY will enable us to finish the playground structure. We will need a good turn out of workers that day. The next WORK DAY will be Saturday, August 27, beginning at 9 a.m.

- Bill Andes

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UCC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 8 - 13, 1988

One of the projects of the Men's Fellowship of the Elon College Communi Church was to participate in the UCC Softball Tournament in Alamance County. Two teams came from the town of Elon College: Elon College Community Church and Elon Home for Children. Triple Elimination: Lose games and you are out!

Elon Community: Coach-Player, Bill Blanchard; sponsored by Men's Fellowship. Won 4 and lost 3 - tied for 3rd plac

David Harper	Parker Barber
Keigh Fogleman	John Barbee
Eddie Oliver	Kirk Martin
Phil Lloyd	Charles Wilkins
Paul Lloyd	Andre Wilkins
Richard McBride	Casey Roberts
Paul Brandenberg	Todd Stewart

Elon Home: Coach-Player, Gary Gates. Sponsored by Elon Home staf and Bud Wrenn of Concord ECC. Won 1 and lost 3 (Part this team had played in a summer league in Burlington; some of these could not be present for every game.)

Jordan Secrist	Curtis Ridgeway
Scott Butler	Morris Freeman
Bo Richards	Bud Wrenn
Jamie Wilkinson	Bruce Stewart
Bryan Green	B. J. Martin
Scott Younts	Joey Richman
Jerome Holly	John Duree
Leon Faulk	Janet Fleming
J. W. King	Floyd Henderson

The Men's Fellowship of the Elon Church is grateful for the dozen or mo cakes and pies and the iced tea furnished by church families and Elon H for the Saturday Bar-B-Que lunch-dinner at Haw River Christian Church. Approximately 20 Elon people purchased tickets for the lunch-dinner. Proceeds from the Tournament go into a Scholarship Fund for high school students entering college or technical schools.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

September 4.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Tongue Loosened, Tongue Curbed" from Mark 7:31-37 and James 1:19, 26; 3:1-11. Hymns will include "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Jesus Calls Us," and "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak." Church School Teachers will be dedicated.

September 11.

The sermon by our pastor will be from Exodus 14:5-31, entitled "Standing Firm and Going Forward." Hymns will include "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," "Fight the Good Fight," and "Lead On, O King Eternal."

(Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be in Atlanta September 15-17 attending the Twelfth Anniversary Meeting of Habitat for Humanity, which climaxes the Walk which came through here two weeks ago. At this meeting the local Habitat group expects to receive formal accreditation as an Affiliate Project of Habitat for Humanity International.)

September 18.

Beth Lyon will preach a sermon on Mark 9:31-37 entitled "Gospel Values." We will sing some new words (taken from the Gospel lesson) to a familiar hymn tune. Other hymns will include "All Creatures of Our God and King," and "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name." This will be student Sunday.

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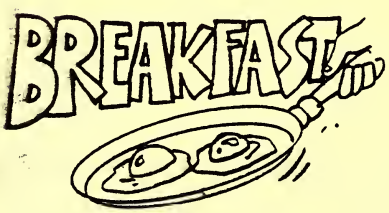

Sunday, September 4 there will be a Pot-Luck Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish House. This is in place of our regular church school classes to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Teachers will be dedicated during the 11 o'clock service. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

The Board of Christian Education

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vincent Steadham of 4361-C Russell Road, Graham, N.C., who were married August 19th. Mrs. Steadham is the former Jane McLelland. They will reside at 4361-C Russell Road in Graham....

Our deepest sympathy to Lydia Cepas and her family. Her 22-year-old grandson, Peter Cepas, was killed in an automobile accident in Quebec the night of August 27. Peter was driving; a passenger was injured but released from the hospital the next day. He had gone to Quebec from the Boston area to participate in a tennis event....Our sympathy also to Bill Gabriel and his family in the death of his mother Winnie on August 11th...And to Jim Griswold and his family in the death of his aunt, Lucile Dancy, in Winter Park, Florida, on August 27th.... And to Wes Alexander and his family in the sudden death of his brother Sam in Concord, N.C. August 21st....

Minnie Hook is in Room 5714, Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, for tests and observation. She had something unusual affect her during the night of August 23-24. Fortunately her son Harvey and his wife Fran from Princeton, N.J., were visisting her at the time....John Schmidt entered Duke Hospital because of an aneurism on August 29th.. ..Let us keep these people in our prayers.

Nancy Lu and John Irvine celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on August 25th and Ruth and Paul Cheek their 40th on August 28th....Ruth and Al Hurst will be flying back, not driving back, from Maine on September 6th. Their daughter will be driving their car down here from Down East for them....

It was impressive indeed to hear, during the Groundbreaking for the new Elon College Town Hall, Mayor Robert E. Olsen read out the names of former mayors, and aldermen of both sexes, and realize how many are members of this church. Some were absent, but some were there, and got to turn a shovelful of earth as the gentle rain began to fall--an accompaniment probably every person present considered a blessing upon the occasion! Mayor Olsen kept calling forward various groups of people to share in breaking up the ground. Among those handling the gleaming, sharp-edged celebrative shovel were Nell Snyder, Gene Lankford, John and Beth Schmidt, Fred Young, and John Irvine....

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TORCHGLEAMS - con't.

The final work party for our new playground structure was held August 27th. With the guard rails and ladder and stairs now up, the outdoor gym is looking a lot better. Some additions (climbing rope, cargo net, overhead rings, etc.) still remain, plus sand and fencing, but no further work party is planned by Robin Woody, who has designed and supervised the gym. In addition to Robin, we thank the following for helping last Saturday: Rob Woody, Bill and Susan Barbee, Chip McCraw, Bill Andes, Bill Ellis, Bob, Andrew, and Beth Lyon, and John Irvine. You should have seen little Andrew carrying rail slates, when he wasn't learning the delights of the metal slide....

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION BOARD

We had hardly any response to our letter requesting your pledge amount for 1989 for the Cornerstone Campaign. The Mission Board hopes you will continue or increase your 1988 pledge, if you were a pledger; or make a pledge for 1989 if you did not pledge in 1988. Remember that these gifts go to provide increased endowment for important but presently underfunded programs within our own Southern Conference.

Please tear out this slip and mail it to the church office, or call your pledge in to Roberta Starr at 584-0391. Thank you!

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THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN   PLEDGE CARD   "BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

I Pledge $__________ for 1989.   Date__________________

NAME:____

ADDRESS:____

AUCTION

PLEASE DONT FORGET TO DONATE ITEMS TO OUR CHURCH AUCTION ! WE NEED A LIST OF ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE USE THIS SHEET TO LIST YOUR DONATIONS TODAY !

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VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ARE ALSO NEEDED. VOLUNTEERS SO FAR ARE:

FOOD COMMITTEE: EARL DANIELEY, BERTIE FIELDS,VERA DIXON, BIFF BRAFFORD.

ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE: JOHN KETCHUM, BILL SLOAN, VERONA DANIELEY,CHIP McCRAW.

YARD SALE COMMITTEE: JOHN IRVINE.

HANDYMAN COMMITTEE: FRED LOY, FRANK DANLEY, PAUL CHEEK, RAY COVINGTON, J L DIXON.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: GEORGE EDWARDS, BIFF BRAFFORD, WALTER BOYD.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: EARL PARKER, JIM SCOTT, KEN HARPER.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: MARSH McLELLAND.

AUCTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 1988, RAIN DATE: SEPT, 17.

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USE THE FOLLOWING SPACES TO LIST YOUR DONATIONS OR WHICH COMMITTEE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE

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PLEASE GET THIS TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS, TOM CONALLY

GAMBLING--SEX SUBSTITUTE OR PSEUDO-FAITH?

A few years ago, a pastor of the First Congregational Church (UCC) of San Jose, California, wrote the following in his church newsletter:

> Not long ago the casinos at Atlantic City were closed for the first time in seven years. As hurricane Gloria approached, security guards emptied the halls.
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> "Deciding to evacuate the gamblers was pretty easy--the last thing you need during a natural disaster is ten thousand people without rubber boots whose idea of good odds earns the casinos millions of dollars a day."
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> --"The Talk of the Town"
> New Yorker, 10-7-85

What then do we say to a state full of people whose idea of good od whose dreams of wild gains, leads them to scratch millions of lotte tickets in a day? Some say gambling is a sex substitute, but I pre to view it as an alternative to religious faith. William Sloane Coffin (Preaching Minister of Riverside Church in New York City) once conversed with a bookie. His intent was to talk the man out of his chosen vocation.

> He listened, I must say, very patiently,
> Then he asked, "Son, you're going to be a preacher some day aren't you?"
> "Yes," I answered. "Why?"
> "Then you believe in grace?"
> I was getting suspicious but repeated, "Yes, why?"
> "I'll tell you why. You believe in grace and I believe in gambling. That means both of us believe life is good when it means something for nothing."

Perhaps we ought to go whole hog and revise our evening praye

> Now I lay me down to slumber
> I pray the Lord I hit the number.
> If I should die before I wake
> Put one dollar on 308.

But is grace really "something for nothing?" As an amateur theologian the bookie flunks. Grace, in the Christian tradition, hangs on a Cross. There God takes onto and into God's own self the awesome cost of evil. There is still no such thing as a free lunch. The gambler only thinks of one kind of coin to pay.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

4	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School Breakfast
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Youth
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
5	-		Labor Day - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
7	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10	-		CHURCH AUCTION
11	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Church Council
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
12	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship - Choral Center
		7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
13	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
14	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
15	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
17	-		Auction Rain Date
18	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Elon College Day
		12:00 noon	Covered-dish Luncheon
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
19	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
20	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR - con't.

21	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
25	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Parents Sunday
		TBA	Youth - Hyco Lake
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		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Troop 51 Court of Honor - Parish House
27	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Pack Meeting
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WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH?

There's more to churches worth the name,
   Than tall and stately spires,
Or solemn rows of polished pews,
   Or songs from well-trained choirs.

On Sunday morning, any church
   Is just as warm or cold
As hearts that come to share its joy
   And blessings manifold.

The church itself lives in the hearts
   Of members, day by day;
The loudest words a church can speak
   Are words its members say.

The pastor may expound the Word,
   And some would say that he
Is all the voice a church could need,
   And all that others see.

But out beyond the pastor's voice,
   The members are in view;
Your neighbor's picture of your church
   Is what they see in you!

-Pearl Burnside McKinney

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Olga Marie Griswold

3 - Nell Snyder

5 - W. E. Butler, Jr.
Gail Crutchfield

6 - Vickie Price
Gertrude Liscum

9 - Anne Vickers

10 - Lois M. Bost
Diana Terrell

12 - Mabel H. Veazey

13 - Carolyn Gabriel
Amy Rose

14 - Louis Wilkins
Vic Vickers
Judy Caporelli
Ed Simons

16 - Billy Blanchard
Mary Cheek
Shawn Ashley White
Brian Steward Oxford

17 - Jennifer Easton

19 - Shirlie Baxter
Eve Loy
Matthew Woody

23 - Melva Foster
Tim Price
Virginia Jeffreys

24 - Julie MacKenzie

26 - Myrtle Matlock
Lois Luke

27 - Malvin Artley, Jr.
Elizabeth Braxton
Emily Woody
Rebecca Lynn Perry

28 - Jama Cunningham

30 - Ralph Maggio

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PLEASE GIVE THE CHURCH OFFICE YOUR NEW HOME ADDRESSES IN THE POSTAL SERVICE REORGANIZATION OF ROUTE #'s AND ZIP CODES.

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WHY DO THEY DO IT?

Friday evening, August 19, 1988, the group of workers with Habitat for Humanity gathered with others, who had assisted them, in the Exchange Club Hut in Elon College for supper, prepared and served by members of the Exchange Club. This came at the close of the Habitat Work Week in Alamance County, in which one house was dedicated and another was being built. The group not only enjoyed the supper but they shared experiences.

Why do these workers do it? Why do they pay their own expenses as well as $25 a week to work, to build houses for people who need decent housing? Why do they come from afar to Alamance County and other places, places they never had heard of before that week?

Gary Hoefle came from the Boston area. He heard of Habitat for Humanity just as one period in his life was ending and he was searching for a new purpose in his life. The idea of building decent houses for those of low incomes challenged him and he has been at it all this summer.

Kay Hefflemire of Atlanta, Indiana felt a change of work and surroundings would broaden her outlook on life. Her friendly personality and her commitment brought forth gifts of work that she never knew existed in her life. She was on her way to Atlanta, Georgia, working week by week.

Lee Dooley, a water resource engineer from Gilroy, California, learned of Habitat for Humanity as he was thinking about his vacation. The idea challenged him and, with his wife and children's endorsement, he joined the work crew in Alamance County for that week. He was going home that weekend, renewed in strength and purpose.

And George Edwards of our own Church, who had worked all that week with them on the second HFH house in Alamance County, summed it up when he said, "I felt that this was and is the most important thing I needed to do."

What a lift they gave us! What a challenge to our own priorities!

(W. J. Andes)

ELON COLLEGE DAY AT E.C.C.C.

Sunday, September 18 is a special day for our church and our community! We will be inviting the students at Elon College to worship with us at the 11:00 worship service and to be our guests afterwards for a covered-dish luncheon in the Parish House.

Please mark this event on your calendar now and plan to bring EXTRA covered dishes so that the college students as well as the members of our congregation will enjoy eating a "home-cooked" meal together.

We hope that each of you will join us in welcoming the Elon students into our church family.

Patricia Woody
Board of Missions

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YOUTH EVENTS FOR EARLY FALL

Date	Time	Place	Event
Sun., Sept. 4	12 noon	Youth Room	Brown Bag Lunch - Import Planning Meeting for fal
Sat., Sept. 10	8 a.m. til?	Church Lawn	Church Yard Sale and Auc We need to pitch in!
Fri., Sept. 16 - Sun., Sept. 18	Begins 6 p.m. Friday	Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds	The Ultimate Christian Caravan Event. A retrea learn some new skills.
Sat., Sept. 17			Auction Rain Date
Sun., Sept. 25	TBA	The Mayses Hyco Lake	A fun-filled day at the

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
June 30 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
URCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	53,963.38	49,290.50
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	2,284.00	7,164.22
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	1,258.23	1,391.67
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	250.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	0.00
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	129.75	420.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	1,042.50	269.21
TAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	58,927.86	58,535.60
PENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	862.40	1,820.49
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	7,800.00	5,100.00
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	300.00	0.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	51.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	8,962.40	6,971.49
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	305.50	412.24
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	150.00	145.94
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	5,172.75	3,981.76
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	5,628.25	4,539.94
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	1,703.50	3,283.10
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	4,786.50	4,223.85
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	6,490.00	7,506.95
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	12,162.00	13,594.63
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	3,175.50	3,332.03
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	1,143.50	638.66
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	16,481.00	17,565.32
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	50.00
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	23,152.50	20,715.39
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	100.00	19.15
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	23,252.50	20,784.54
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	2,208.00	0.00
TAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	63,022.15	57,368.24
XCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	(4,094.29)	1,167.36

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

		Greeters	Acolytes	Flowe
Sept.	4	Howard and Juanita Loy	Jamie Brown/Heidi Troxler	Troxl
	11	Frank and Deborah Danley	Scott Dollar/Brian Harper	Acqui
	18	Bill and Shirley Beyer	Ryan Harris/Daniel Doyle	Kimba
	25	Ed and Jean Simons	Emily Woody/Amy Rose	Perry

Worship Attendance for August

7	-	112	21	-	206
14	-	117	28	-	120

Children's Church

Sept.	4	Janet or Mike Mayse
	11	George or Carole Troxler
	18	Ann or R. J. Acquilano
	25	Sheree Smith

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September 25. PARENTS' SUNDAY

This service comes on Elon College Parents' Weekend, a Sunday when many guests from out of town worship with us as they visit their children attending college here. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Generational Descen from Exodus 3:1-15. Hymns will include "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past "Faith Of Our Fathers," and "I Would Be True."

October 9. WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Dr. Irvine will preach from Mark 10:2-16 on "Turning Nobodies Into Somebodies." Hymns will include "Christ for the World We Sing," "I Thi When I Read That Sweet Story of Old," and "The Church's One Foundation. The Neighbors in Need offering will be received. This is also CROP Wal Sunday and we will have a dedication service for our church's walkers.

October 9. LAITY SUNDAY

A committee of our Board of Deacons is at work preparing for a Laity Sunday worship service on the theme "The Ministry of the Laity." Anyon interested in assisting with this service is asked to call the church office.

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ELON COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY AT ECCC

Sunday, September 18 has been designated as Elon College Student Sunday Last year over 80 students were our guests on this day, and we hope to have as many or more attend this year.

All members of our church family are encouraged to attend the worship service and the covered dish luncheon afterwards in the Parish House on this date. Bring your favorite "home-cooked" dishes. Beverages will b provided. Let's all work together to make the students feel welcome in our congregation as well as our community.

Patricia Woody
Board of Missions

TORCHGLEAMS

Late summer travelers from our congregation included Vera and Lohr Dixon and Charles and Gertrude Liscum, off to Nova Scotia. Both couples got to spend some time with Ruth and Al Hurst before the Hursts left to fly home from Maine....Earl and Elizabeth Parker were in New Jersey recently for her fiftieth anniversary high school reunion at Maplewood.... Meanwhile J. C. Dollar was off to California on a business trip. And Charles Wilkins left for a year's study on a Fulbright scholarship at the University of Amman in Jordan....We commend all these travelers into God's hands.

After a time at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, Minnie Hook is now a resident at Twin Lakes....John Schmidt is in Memorial Hospital in Burlington for surgery, and after a recuperative period he will be going back to Duke Hospital for a more serious operation. Lots of time to think about all the good fishing he's missing out on this fall, but remember, John, there are plenty of fish in the sea! Bill Terrell fell several Sunday mornings ago and ended up with a broken hip and a broken shoulder, but he keeps chipper as he recuperates in Memorial Hospital in Burlington....

Our sympathy to Clare Myers and his family in the death of his mother in Medina, Ohio, and to Deborah Danley and her family in the death of her father in Gibsonville....

How good it was to see Kenneth and Dorothy Clem make an appearance at the church Auction last Saturday! Ken keeps coming back from that stroke; it's wonderful to behold his progress....All told, we made somewhere in the neighborhood of $1500 from the auction. Deep thanks to Tom Conally and all his crew of assistants for their hard work!....

Robin Woody has had a specially packed summer, what with an executive training program at Chapel Hill for school principals he's been participating in that required lots of homework and writing; he'll be glad when it's over....Richard McBride has to switch offices again in Whitley; he longs for a summer without office or staff changes to complicate his gearing up for the new school year. In this centennial year at the college, his chapel services have blossomed. There is about a fivefold increase in attendance over last year! Richard has also managed to get a campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity organized, and it will be chartered at the Twelfth Anniversary meeting in Atlanta on the 16th of September. Keep up the good work, Richard!....

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TORCHGLEAMS - con't. -

Now what we really need is for some generous spirit to give Habitat a lot on which to build a house in the Elon College area of the county. This would enable the 70 college students who have signed up to be a part of the chapter to build a house close by--a great project for them, and a joy to a future homeowner family. The Alamance County Habitat for Humanity chapter would provide the leadership expertise....In addition to John and Nancy Lu Irvine, Carolyn Messick and Richard McBride will be attending the Atlanta Habitat gathering....

Nell Snyder got off a wonderful unintentional one-liner at the meeting of the Women's Fellowship when she introduced guest speaker John Truitt as a graduate of "Princeton Theological Cemetery." We wonder if the degree on his "tombstone" was BC or AD....or BD?

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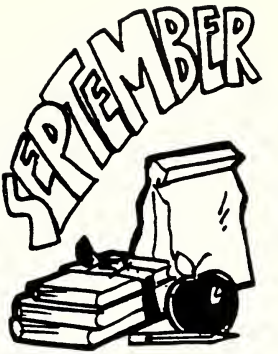
CALLING ALL WOMEN

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1988

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

WATCH TORCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

14	-	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
15	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
16-17	-		Youth - Caravan Training at BRAG
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HABITAT NEWS

At the Atlanta Twelfth Anniversary meeting September 15-17, our local Habitat group will receive Affiliate status. That will be celebrated at our group's next meeting on Tuesday evening, September 20, at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church's Great Hall at 7:30. All are invited to the party!

Work continues on our second house. If you would like to volunteer to help call Hank Ogden, Project Coordinator, evenings at 584-7650.

Millard Fuller will be on national television on ABC's "Good Morning, America" show on Friday, September 23.

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OFFICE HOURS

Roberta Starr is in the office Monday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dr. Irvine is almost always in the office from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and is readily available at other times by appointment, when he is not out visiting. Please feel free to call him either at the office or at home if you would like to see him, or to have him visit you, or to let him know of a pastoral concern.

Rev. Lyon is normally in the office from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. On November 1st she will be on maternity leave for four months.

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YOUTH EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 16 - Sunday, Sept. 18

The Ultimate Christian Caravan Event at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. If you are interested in meeting new people, doing some traveling, and learning about clowning, dramatics, or developing some leadership skills see Beth for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 25

An afternoon at Hyco Lake at the Mayses' place. Parents will be needed to go along.

Sunday, Oct. 2 CROP Walk

So far Don, Brian, Jamie, Shannon, Katie, and Ivy have signed up to walk along with David Harper and Beth Lyon to fight world hunger. Sign up with Beth and become a part of Elon College Community Church's CROP Walk contingent.

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There will be a cookout for college students Sunday evening Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. We hope to have an active Student Fellowship again this year. If you can loan a grill for the occassion or would be willing to donate something to go along with the hot dogs, or just have an interest in working with students, see Beth Lyon.

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Church School is off to a great start for the 1988-89 school year. A pot-luck breakfast was enjoyed by members of all the classes on Labor Day Sunday. Regular classes were held for fall beginning on September 11, using two new curriculums, Bible Discovery and Discipleship Alive. Classes and teachers include:

Nursery - Child care for those under 3	Sue Brown Mary Louise Boy
Preschool - Children 3-5 years of age using Bible Discovery.	Marie Wilkins Sue Brener Kristi Hunt
Elementary Grades 1-5 - This "one room school house" also uses Bible Discovery and will study Joseph and David this fall.	Susan Vickers
Youth - Grades 7-12. Survey of the old Testament using Bible Discovery.	Robin and Chip McCraw David Harper Beth Lyon
Seekers - A discussion-oriented class for adults using Discipleship Alive.	Al Carpenter Ken Harper Louis Wilkins
Adult Bible Class - A bible study class for adults using the uniform lesson series. This fall features Job, Isaiah, and Jeremiah.	Mary and Robert Kimball Earl Danieley Marsh McLelland Richard McBride

It's never too late to become part of a church school class. Won't you join us on Sunday morning?

THE CHURCH BUDGET

Our Church Budget has two aspects which differ from customary budgeting procedures. First, we have certain programs that we want to support but don't have revenues adequate to fund them. We try to provide for these through Challenge Gifts. Second, members of our congregation have particular Church activities that are important to them and, as a consequence, they make contributions to the Church that are aimed at those purposes. I refer to these as Flow-through Gifts and put them in the budget because I think this gives us a more complete picture of our financial activities. The amounts reflected in the budget in this category are a direct reflection of the amounts given in the prior year and, hopefully, are a good indicator of what will be done this year.

From time to time I would like to give you a status report on these budget items and ask that you consider special contributions pointed to those activities that are of special interest to you.

John Ketcham, Treasurer

	1988 Budget	Given to Date 8/31/88
Challenge Gifts		
Elon College Pride II Fund	$1,000.00	$ 310.00
Choir Supplies	400.00	150.00
Display Board	300.00	-0-
Guest Musicians	225.00	50.00
Adult Education	100.00	-0-
Youth Program & Travel	200.00	115.00
Cub Scout Program	200.00	50.00
Girl Scout Program	50.00	-0-
Fellowship Supplies	100.00	20.00
Flow-through Gifts		
Endowment Fund	4,600.00	100.00
Cornerstone Campaign	5,300.00	2,952.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,600.00	1,283.00
Neighbors In Need	700.00	-0-
Veterans of the Cross	451.00	-0-
Good Samaritan Fund	880.00	1,059.97
Elon Home for Children	677.00	-0-
Women's Fellowship - OCWM	200.00	485.00
Youth Library	221.00	-0-
Fellowship Paper Supplies	16.00	-0-
Boy Scout Program	500.00	902.00

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Aug 31 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	69,100.40	65,757.35
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	2,389.60	7,684.67
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	1,606.25	1,700.74
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	250.00	86.97
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	0.00	100.00
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	179.75	520.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	1,220.50	793.58
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	74,746.50	76,643.31
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	1,083.20	3,223.6
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	9,400.00	5,100.0
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	300.00	395.0
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	51.0
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	10,783.20	8,769.6
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	381.50	712.0
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	150.00	145.9
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	6,890.03	6,324.1
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	7,421.53	7,182.1
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	1,912.50	4,677.0
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	6,318.18	6,137.2
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	8,230.68	10,814.2
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	15,822.00	16,420.2
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	4,191.66	5,208.5
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	1,413.42	964.7
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	21,427.08	22,593.4
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	341.1
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	31,415.40	28,237.7
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	124.00	63.0
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	31,539.40	28,641.9
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	2,944.00	0.0
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	82,345.89	78,001.4
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	(7,599.39)	(1,358.1

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

October 2. WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Dr. Irvine will preach from Mark 10:2-16 on "Turning Nobodies Into Somebodies." Hymns will include "Christ for the World We Sing," "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old," and "Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet." The Neighbors in Need offering will be received. This is also CROP Walk Sunday and we will have a dedication service for our church's walkers.

October 9. LAITY SUNDAY

"The Ministry of the Laity" will be the theme of this year's Laity Sunday service. Ken Harper will preach the sermon and other lay people will assist as liturgists. The Children's Choir will sing. Hymns will include "The Church's One Foundation," "Take My Life and Let It Be," and a contemporary hymn text.

October 16.

The Old Testament lection for this Sunday is Isaiah 53:7-12, part of what is perhaps the single most profound passage in all the Hebrew Scriptures. Dr. Irvine will preach from it a sermon entitled "The Coronation of Suffering." Hymns will include "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

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NIN STANDS FOR NEW INNOVATIONS NOW

The United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations share a tradition of innovation — of "firsts" in mission. From frontier orphanages to schools for freed slaves, it's a great tradition.

Our continuing gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering help sustain the tradition of innovation, as recent projects illustrate.

No one had examined the correlation between toxic waste dump sites and minority communities until the UCC Commission for Racial Justice undertook its national study in 1986. Our gifts to NIN supported the research and publication of *Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States: A National Report on the Racial and Socio-Economic Characteristics of Communities with Hazardous Waste Sites.*

From coast to coast, the report made headlines. *The New York Times, Washington Post,* and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch,* among others, have reported on the findings of our study of toxic waste and race in America. Public health, environmental, political and civil rights leaders, too, have hailed the report, and city councils from Los Angeles to Chicago have cited it in their deliberations.

"Who Speaks for the Children?"

Until the UCC Office for Church in Society took up the issue, children in poverty had all too few advocates. Our gifts to Neighbors in Need helped launch a national children's campaign now co-sponsored by nineteen other religious and secular organizations. After five regional public hearings on children in poverty, a national consultation was held in Washington, D.C. last February. Out of it came an "Agenda for the Future" and specific strategies for helping to bring an end to the poverty faced by thirteen million children in the United States.

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Bill Terrell has had a bumpy road to travel on his way back to health after falling and breaking his hip and shoulder. He was moved from Memorial Hospital in Burlington to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro for rehabilitation, but shortly after making a good start in that direction was derailed by some internal bleeding and spent several days in their Critical Care unit. At press time he is better and out of CCU although not yet back in rehab. He is again flashing his fine sense of humor. Hang in there, Bill; we'll see you back again at church one of these days.....

Parents' Weekend brought us an attendance of 310 at morning worship; some old-timers said it was the largest attendance by parents of Elon College students in their memory. Student trumpeter Kevin Byrd, our guest musician, told Dr. Ten Eyck he had never played before so large an audience before, or in a church, or with an organ; but he acquitted himself nobly, and in a magnificent descant on the last stanza of "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," lifted us right to the gates of heaven.....

Mrs. Alma Lynch, mother of Estelle Perry, was taken to Memorial Hospital in Burlington early Sunday morning when she experienced difficulty in breathing and remains there with pneumonia.....Ruth and Paul Cheek are off on a trip to Paris, Brittany and Normandy in France Sept. 22--Oct. 3; here comes a new set of facinating photographs!..... Didn't Elon College Assistant Fire Chief Fred Loy look spiffy as he opened the program celebrating the completion of the addition to the Fire Station Sunday afternoon September 25th? It was good to see John Schmidt there looking so well after his recent surgery, and to hear he serves on the Advisory Committee to the Fire Department. Many others of our members were present for the happy occasion, the second such celebration of progress in our town in the last few weeks.....Latest word on Richard Daniel is that he will be having an angiogram at the V.A. Hospital in mid-October as a possible prelude to heart bypass surgery.....

Our Boy Scout Troop 51 just held its first Court of Honor, and it took Troop Committee Advancement Secretary Debbie Danley a long, long time to read off all the achievements of the various scouts since the troop began operations in April. Under her husband Frank's leadership the troop has been very busy and productive. Their son Don leads the troop with 18 merit badges to his credit already! Star Scout Don is developing

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TORCHGLEAMS - continued -

that "eagle look"; we'll see you soar one of these days, Don!.... A whole new crop of acolytes will be in evidence soon; newcomers will include Marie Acquilano, Elizabeth Mayse, Don Danley, Vega Herold, and Nicole Hammond. We welcome these young people to their new duties and thank them for assisting in our worship services..... A round of applause to the brothers of Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities on campus, who have graciously come over twice to help spread truckloads of sand around our new playground equipment, accomplishing in just a few minutes what would otherwise have been a long, long, labor for a few of us older folk.....

Congratulations to Joy Hamilton, who will be married on Saturday afternoon, October 29th, to Karl Gregory Washburn, at St. John's UCC in Burlington. Bertie Fields was hostess at a shower for Joy at Bertie's home recently, and Nora Griswold and Edith Brannock held another one for her in our Parish House.....

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship invites all the women in our church to a retreat at the Lodge on Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Following our Women's Fellowship program theme for the year, "Journey Into the Future," we will do some reminiscing and some dreaming as we reflect on our personal journeys and our church's journey. Lunch will be provided at a cost of $3.00 each. We need to give our preparer a number by Tuesday,October 4. Please make a reservation at your circle meeting or by calling Lucille Howard (584-0532) or Nancy Lu Irvine (584-9198) by that date.

Sunday, October 2 1 p.m. CROP Walk

Walkers will be dedicated during worship that morning so plan to be there (and pick up some extra sponsors, too!) Gather in the parking lot at 12:45 p.m. to car pool to the stadium. We'll walk as a group.

Sunday, October 9 12:15 p.m.
Come to the Youth Room for pizza and a discussion on The Rapture. Bring $1.50 to cover pizza and drinks.

Sunday, October 16 2 - 6 p.m.
Burlington area UCC Youth Rally at First Christian. Get together with friends from all parts of Alamance County. The theme will be "Decisions! Decisions!" Don't miss this major event.

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THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship, through its Friendly Service Committee, will intensify its efforts this year to be of assistance to people in need here and abroad.

In October we will contribute money to buy blankets for victims of disasters--hurricanes, floods, famine and war. Other projects include Christmas gifts for women in prison, paper products for the homeless shelter in Burlington, school supplies for the residents of the Elon Homes, health kits for migrants, medical supplies for our missionaries, and old eye glasses for Habitat for Humanity distribution.

We hope some of these projects will appeal to members of our entire church family and that you will respond to these needs. Please contact Verona Danieley, Elizabeth Parker, co-chairmen of Friendly Service, or the church office for further information.

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UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE

A WORKSHOP TO HELP MAKE THIS A LESS
STRESSFUL, MORE REWARDING HOLIDAY

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

* Discovering what you really want Christmas to be like.
* Having an 'Old Fashion Christmas' when both parents work, or when there is a single parent.
* Women, 'The Christmas Magicians' and men 'The Christmas Stagehands'.
* 'To Celebrate' does not always mean 'to spend'.
* Self defeating gift-giving rules.
* Making changes - specific ideas and steps to make this year different.
* The gift of joy.

DATES, TIME AND PLACE:

The workshop will be held on Thursday morning October 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and on Thursday evening, October 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All workshops will be held at the Christian Counseling Center, 142 South Lexington Avenue, Burlington, NC.

REGISTRATION:

The registration fee for each workshop is $5.00. This fee includes a variety of printed resources and a coffee break. To register, send the attached form and registration fee to: The Christian Counseling Center.

SPONSORS:

These workshops are being sponsored by Children and Youth Services of the Alamance/ Caswell Mental Health Center, the Christian Counseling Center and the Lifestyle Committee of the Allied Churches of Alamance County.

LEADERSHIP:

The leaders for the workshops are Ann Wooten, Director of Project SWING at Children and Youth Services and Bob Stogner, Director of the Christian Counseling Center.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

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Amount enclosed: _____

Please Check:

_____ October 13
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

_____ October 20
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Make checks payable to Christian Counseling Center. Enclose registration fee and return to: Christian Counseling Center, 142 S. Lexington Avenue, Burlington, NC 27215

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Wesley Alexander
Betty Y. Powell

2 - Ruth M. Drumm

3 - Betty Blanchard
Mary Kimball
Thomas E. Powell IV

4 - Nancy Lu Irvine
George Shumar

5 - Ruth Cheek
Marjorie Long

7 - David Hughes
Kevin Dill

8 - Ralph Oxford
Mary Lee Hutchins

9 - Sandra Dill
Jim Lyon

10 - Barbara Byers

11 - Bill Blanchard

12 - Helen H. Colley
Benjamin White

13 - Della Scott

14 - Tom Conally
Betty Wagoner

15 - Lessie Longest

17 - Leffie Lowe
Greg Powell

18 - Robin Holt

20 - Goldie Smith

23 - Loretta Easton

25 - Alan Young

27 - Ned Danieley

28 - Kenneth Clem
Jackie Danieley

29 - William T. Beyer

30 - W. W. Sloan
Dolores Truitt
Charles Parcell

31 - Madge Brannock
William Ellis

CROP WALK

We're looking for a few good volunteers to help with the rest stop here at the church. Sunday afternoon, October 2 from approximately 2-3 p.m. If you can set up, pour beverages, or clean up, please see Ray Covington or Beth Lyon. Also, we need some large coolers to carry ice. If your cooler can come (even if you can't) please let us know. Half of Alamance County will be walking by our church. Let's not miss a chance to put on a friendly face.

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COLLEGE NEWS

The College Student Fellowship (re-christened Discover Fellowship) is off to a great start with twelve energetic members. Plans for service projects, worship, a study group and plenty of fun are being laid. You'll be hearing more from this group as the year goes on.

If you would like to help support these activities, please let Beth Lyon know of your interest.

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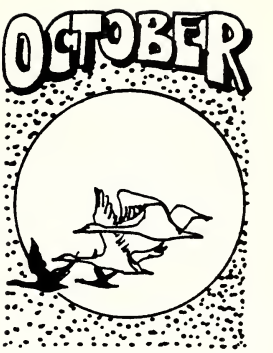
CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1988



2 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. CROP Walk
6:00 p.m. College Student Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

3 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 - Choral Center
6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 3 - Home of Mrs. Sibyl White

4 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Home of Mrs. Vera Dixon
7:30 p.m. Burlington Area Youth Planning Committee

5 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

6 - 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

8 - 9:30 a.m. Eastern N.C. Association Meeting
Pilgrim UCC - Durham
10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Retreat - The Lodge
5:00 p.m. Young Adults - The McCraws

9 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Youth
2:00 p.m. Banner Group
5:00 p.m. Board of Mission
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

10 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

11 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

12 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Budget Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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OCTOBER CALENDAR - continued -

16 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Youth Rally - First Christian
4:00 p.m. Church Council

17 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

18 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting
Choral Center

19 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

20 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

23 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

24 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

25 - 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting

26 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

27 - District Men's Fellowship

28 - 29 Long Range Planning

30 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

31 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE MEETINGS - OCTOBER 3 & 4

The Circles of the Women's Fellowship will meet next Monday and Tuesday, October 3 and 4. The Program will be presented by members of the Board of Missions who will give us an overview of the mission outreach of our Church.

Circles 1 and 2 will meet together in the Choral Center on Monday at 10:30 a.m. Mary Shaw Cunningham will present the program. Circle 3 will meet at the home of Sibyl White on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Beth Wilkins will present the program. Circle 4 will meet at the home of Vera Dixon on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Ellie Ketcham will present the program.

Members are asked to bring canned and non-perishable items for the Church Food Closet.

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NEWS FOR FUN CLUB MEMBERS

The Fun Club will meet in the Parish House on Tuesday morning, October 11th at 10:30 a.m. This will be our first meeting for the fall season and we have a lot of "catching up" to do. I'm really looking forward to our program for the day. Stephen Ten Eyck, Director of Music, will be with us to talk about Handbells and give a demonstration of Bell Ringing. After the meeting we will go out for lunch. It will be so good to be together again. We'll look forward to seeing YOU.

Mary Kimball, President

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowe
Oct. 2	Howard and Page Edgerton	M. Acquilano/E. Mayse	Howar
Oct. 9	Jim and Lorene Lyon	D. Danley/B. Harper	Hunte Famil
Oct. 16	Virginia Richardson and Helene Hayward	V. Herold/N. Hammond	Harpe
Oct. 23	Bill and Betty Blanchard	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Barbe
Oct. 30	E. W. and Doris Brafford	S. Dollar/B. Harper	Barne Famil

Children's Church

Oct. 2 Carolyn Messick
9 Marie of Jeff Wilkins
16 Louis Wilkins
23 Beth Lyon
30 Patricia or Robin Woody

Worship Attendance for September

4	-	134	18	-	152
11	-	147	25	-	310

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October 23.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Taking the Measure of Your Gift" from Luke 6:37-38. Hymns will be "For the Beauty of the Earth," "He Leadet Me," and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me."

October 30. All Saints' Sunday.

This is a day to remember those who have gone before us in the Christian faith. The service will be in a different format--a liturgi drama. Hymns will include "The Church's One Foundation," "Blest Be th Tie That Binds," and "For All the Saints, Who From Their Labor Rest."

November 6. Stewardship Sunday.

This will be Loyalty Sunday in our annual Stewardship Enlistment. Dr. Irvine will preach on "To Care You Have to Come Down From the Mountain" from Mark 9:2-13. Hymns will be "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Praise to God, Immortal Praise," and "O Jesus, I Have Promised.

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THE SENIOR IRVINES WILL BE MOVING TO VIRGINIA

Dr. Irvine's parents, John and Gertrude Irvine, will be moving October 24-25 to Sunnyside Presbyterian Home at Massanetta Springs, ne Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mrs. Irvine has an older sister who is a resi there and a younger sister will be moving there within a year also. T will have a larger apartment and a wider range of care levels (includi skilled nursing) available than at their present residence at the Presbyterian Home of Hawfields. They expect to worship with us the weekend before they leave. Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be away Oct. 24-2 helping them move.

TORCHGLEAMS

Our lay people put on a splendid Laity Sunday service: Patricia Woody, Chip McCraw, Marsh McLelland and Carolyn Messick served as liturgists, Robin Woody had a somewhat ubiquitous "beaver stick" for the Time With Children, and Ken Harper preached a heart-stirring sermon, all on the theme of the ministry of the laity. And isn't it nice to see some new faces helping with the ushering these weeks? Congratulations to Marsh and the other members of the Board of Deacons for helping reorganize that system...It was also good to have our Children's Choir singing for us....

Louis and Beth Wilkins spoke at the Laity Sunday worship at Liberty/Vance United Church of Christ near Henderson. They also served as our delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Association at Pilgrim Church in Durham October 8th, as did Ruth and Paul Cheek. Also attending were Bill Andes, Al Hurst, Beth Lyon, John Irvine, Richard McBride, and John Truitt. A fine program, clear weather, and an excellent turnout made for a good day all around....

John Truitt has finished his work as interim minister at Crossroads Presbyterian Church and will begin another interim ministry at Graham Presbyterian Church this month. We wish him well in his new endeavor....

Our sympathy to Louis Wilkins and his family in the death of his mother, Ruth Bray Wilkins, October 2nd, and in the death of her brother, Younger Bray, October 6th. They lived in the South Boston area....

Pattie Wall is doing some better, as is Alma Lynch, Estelle Perry's mother. Both are in Memorial Hospital in Burlington....Richard Daniel will be having an angiogram at the V.A. Hospital in Durham as this TORCH issue is going out....Bill Terrell is recovering slowly at Moses Cone Hospital, but that beautiful white hair of his keeps growing without pause; it seems the hardest thing to accomplish in a hospital is getting a haircut....

It was so good to see several people back at church October 9th after extended periods of physical difficulties: Bertha Phillips, Caroline Powell, and Sam Foster....

Ken Clem walked into his doctor's office for a checkup and said "Hello, everybody!" and Dr. Watson said to everybody present, "Folks, you're looking at a miracle!" Keep up the good work, Ken; we're all rooting for you as you keep coming back from that stroke...The Clems are deeply appreciative of all the food, cards, prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers and delicious bread they have received in recent weeks....

Thanks to Biff Brafford for getting our air-conditioning switched over to heating....

GORDON RANKIN WRITES

Gordon Rankin, who graduated from Elon last spring and has begun graduate studies for the ministry at seminary in New England, sent us a note last week. We quote it in part here:

"Greetings from Andover-Newton! I hope that everything back at ECCC has been going well....I am now an actual seminary student. I am enrolled in five classes (Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, Intermediate Greek, Possibilities for Youth Ministry, and Field Education) and enjoying them all. Of course, they are fairly challenging.

I have been hired by the First Baptist Church (American Baptist Convention)" (he probably refers to Newton Centre) "for my Field Education site. About sixty percent of my time centers around the youth ministry program. I also write letters in our newsletter, preach, layread, and all that sort of good stuff.

At Andover-Newton I keep myself busy with other activities--I am part of the UCC Fellowship and an Executive Council member of the Student Association. I also work in the dining hall for extra money. Here is my new address:

Gordon Rankin
Andover-Newton Theological School
Newton Centre, MA 02159

Phone #s: (617) 527-3595 (home)
(617) 245-1784 (work-church)....

Send everyone my love....If there is anything I can do for any of you please let me know.

God Bless,

Gordon"

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"TAKE CARE - SHARE"

Representing your interests and mine, our fellow church members who are serving on the various Church committees are working on the planning for 1989. They will be prudently attempting to arrive at a realistic budget for the 1989 programs.

Replacing the "Pony Express" theme of the past two years the Budget Committee has planned a "Take Care - Share" fund raising drive, asking each of us to decide how much we plan to offer in support of our Church, not as a pledge, but rather a goal as to what we each can contribute as our share of Church commitments.

We, each of us, have chosen to be united as a Church to satisfy a variety of personal needs and goals; for a sharing of religious beliefs; for a way to demonstrate our caring for the needs of the community around us; for helping to inspire others to share our beliefs; for a sense of responsibility. To make these goals a reality requires financial support and you will soon be asked to take your share.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1988

12 -	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
16 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Rally - First Christian
	3:00 p.m.	Allied Churches Quarterly Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Church Council
	6:00 p.m.	College Student Fellowship
17 -	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
18 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting - Choral Center
19 -	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
20 -	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
22 -	6:00 p.m.	Youth Hayride - Brick UCC
23 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:30 p.m.	Youth Rally - Catawba College
24 -	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
25 -	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
26 -	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
27 -		District Men's Fellowship
28 - 29		Long Range Planning
30 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Halloween Party
31 -	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics

SEEKERS CLASS

The Seekers Class began in September to study the "Covenant Community." The initial session included a scripture review of God's covenant with his people.

The class employs a discussion format and considers day-to-day problems and solutions as it uses the publication People of Faith as a resource.

Such topics as "affirming", "forgiving" and "changing" are discussed each Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in an informal setting. The Seekers class invites anyone who would like to attend to do so. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Coffee is provided.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a costume party for all children and their families in the Parish House, Sunday afternoon, October 30th from 4-5 p.m. Come enjoy some food and games with your children or grandchildren.

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BRUNSWICK STEW SALE

The Elon College Exchange Club will sell Brunswick Stew, beginning Friday, October 21, 1988 at noon on the park across from the Elon College fire house on South Williamson Avenue and at the Exchange Club Building on West Haggard Avenue. The sale will continue Saturday at 8 a.m. until sold out - $3.00 per quart.

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YOUTH EVENTS

Decisions! Decisions!
Sunday, October 16 2-6 p.m.
at First Christian, Burlington. A Youth Rally for all area UCC youth. Don't mis this exciting event with food, fun, and workshops on "The Dating Game," "Cults," "Future Shock" and more. Bring $1.00 to cover refreshments, a car pool will leav from our church at 1:30 p.m.

Hayride
Saturday, October 22 at 6 p.m. at Brick UCC.
We're invited for a hayride and hot dogs. If you want to go get $1.00 (mail it, carry it, send it by carrier pigeon) to Beth by Wednesday, October 19th. Ask anyone who went last year, you won't want to be left out of this one.

Another Youth Rally
This one is at Catawba College in Salisbury and will be held Sunday, October 23 from 2:30 - 7 p.m. There will be workshops on clowning (some of you should be interested in that), dramatics, race relations and ethics. This show is being run by Jim Fatzinger of Waco Water Olympics fame, so you know it has to be good. Cost is $5.00 which includes dinner. We will car pool from the church.

Haunted House
Sunday afternoon, October 30th after church, get together with other youth to haunt the parish house attic. The children will have a party from 4-5 that afternoon and the older ones will be looking forward to ghosts and goblins.

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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Friday, November 4 10:00 A.M.

Ebenezer UCC 734 Apple Street, Burlington, N.C.

Topic: Everywoman's Ministry

Gift certificates of $5.00 each for blankets and other disaster relief will be collected at this meeting.

Also paper products (towels, napkins, and toilet tissue) are needed for the Shelter for the Homeless in Alamance County.

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NEEDED . . . DRIVERS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

If you would be willing to drive for this worthy effort, please give Marie Wilkins a call at 226-2632. You would be called on no more often than every other month for driving only one day. Even if you would not like to drive on a regular basis, a substitute list is needed for back-up for our drivers now. The route takes about 1½ hours to complete, and the food containers should be picked up at First Presbyterian Church in Burlington.

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ADDITIONAL TORCHGLEAMS

Martin Shotzberger is recovering from hand surgery performed recently at the VA Hospital in Durham and it looks like his case might make the medical records books....We are glad to report that Pattie Wall is home from the hospital.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
September 30, 1988

	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	106,911.77	114,154.00	77,190.18	72,219.93
Total Special Contributions	6,295.61	5,777.00	2,860.00	8,584.17
Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	1,793.64	2,160.35
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	375.00	86.97
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	2,467.00	1,695.01
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	198.54	520.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	1,612.25	814.83
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	86,496.62	86,081.26
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,108.47	3,407.00	1,218.60	3,575.48
Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	11,700.00	7,579.00
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	450.00	1,678.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	0.00	51.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	13,368.60	12,883.48
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	419.50	712.08
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	225.00	145.94
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	8,100.83	7,051.30
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	8,745.33	7,909.32
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	2,413.00	5,003.05
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	7,084.02	6,990.05
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	9,497.02	11,993.10
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	18,027.00	17,559.75
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	4,699.74	5,746.73
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	1,548.38	1,150.15
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	24,275.12	24,456.63
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	341.18
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	35,119.80	33,754.90
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	136.00	174.45
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	35,255.80	34,270.53
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	3,312.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	94,453.87	91,513.06
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	(7,957.25)	(5,431.80

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon,
Associate Pastor

THE TORCH

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

November 6. Stewardship Sunday. Communion.

This will be Loyalty Sunday in our annual Stewardship Enlistment. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Stewards of Creation," from Genesis 1:26-2 2:8,15. New members will be received. The Sacrament of Communion wi be administered. Our new Interim Associate Pastor, the Rev. Dorcas Lohr, will serve as liturgist. Hymns will include "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face."

November 13. Elon Homes for Children Sunday.

Dr. Bill Andes, our Pastor Emeritus, will be in the pulpit on this annual Sunday when we especially remember the Elon Homes and receive a special offering for this agency. Dr. Irvine will be in Florida November 11-14 for the Annual Meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries at Orlando.

November 20. Thanksgiving Sunday.

Dr. Irvine will be preaching on "Living Between Brackets." Scripture are Jeremiah 23:1-6, Revelation 1:4b-8, and John 18:33-37. Hymns wil be "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," "Praise to God, Immortal Praise and "Now Thank We All Our God."

November 23. Annual Thanksgiving Eve Union Service

This year's service will be held at Elon College First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Details will be in the next TORCH.

November 27. First Sunday in Advent.

As the new liturgical year begins, our pastor will be preaching on Psalm 25:1-10, beginning a sermon series on "Paths to Christmas." This one will be entitled "The Lord's Paths." Hymns will include "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," and "The Lord's My Shepherd."

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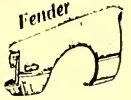

HOW ABOUT BUYING A PIECE OF A VAN?

NO, WE'RE NOT OUT OF OUR MINDS! WE ARE JUST SEEING A NEED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGER PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY TO JOIN OUR RANKS--YOUNGER PEOPLE PERHAPS ATTRACTED BY OUR NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WHICH NEEDS A VAN FOR TRANSPORTATION.

THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS AN EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNITY NEED THAT WE, AS A CHURCH, HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. STARTING A PROJECT LIKE THIS REQUIRES FUNDS AND OUR CHURCH BUDGET RECOGNIZES SUCH REQUIREMENTS. THIS VAN IS JUST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF WHY OUR CHURCH BUDGET GROWS EVEN AS OUR VARIOUS COMMITTEES ATTEMPT TO HOLD DOWN EXPENSES.

LET EACH OF US GIVE A LITTLE MORE--$2.00 A WEEK FROM EACH FAMILY WOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF THE 1989 BUDGET WHICH HAS BEEN PRUNED TO MEET THE MINIMUM RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR CHURCH.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, $2.00 IS NOT MUCH MORE, TODAY, THAN A PACK OF CIGARETTES; 8 POSTAGE STAMPS OR 2 GALLONS OF GAS.

OF COURSE, THOSE ON A FIXED INCOME MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THAT MUCH, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS HOPED THAT SOME FAMILIES CAN AFFORD MORE. HOW ABOUT YOU?

EACH OF YOU HAS , IN THE PAST, BEEN GENEROUS WITH YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AND HAS CONTRIBUTED TO FUND THE VARIETY OF PROJECTS FOR WHICH WE, AS A CHURCH, FEEL A RESPONSIBILITY.. JUST AS COSTS HAVE RISEN, SO HAVE NEEDS--AND TO CARE FOR THESE NEEDS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

THE HEADLINE WAS INTENDED TO GET YOUR ATTENTION--WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT, WE'RE REALLY ASKING EACH CHURCH MEMBER TO BUY A BIGGER PIECE OF THE CHURCH PROJECTS OF WHICH THE VAN IS ONLY ONE.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, IS "LOYALTY SUNDAY", CHOSEN AS THE DAY TO SHOW STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRIES. BRING YOUR "ESTIMATE OF GIVING" CARD TO CHURCH (OR MAIL IT, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND). OUR CAMPAIGN "BOOSTERS" WILL BE CALLING TO REMIND YOU TO BRING IN YOUR ESTIMATE OF YOUR OFFERING PLANS FOR '89.

TAKE CARE. SHARE!
ON LOYALTY SUNDAY

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR CAREFUL,
AND PROMPT, CONSIDERATION.

THIS SUNDAY IS

Loyalty Sunday

PLEASE SET YOUR GOAL
AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE
SHARE THE GOOD FORTUNE
WITH WHICH YOU HAVE
BEEN BLESSED!

NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A
REQUEST FOR A PLEDGE--
THIS REQUESTS YOUR ESTIMATE
OF WHAT YOU PLAN TO GIVE AS
YOUR SHARE OF THE CHURCH BUDGET.

Campaign Goal:
An Increase Of
$2.00/WEEK/FAMILY

TAKE CARE
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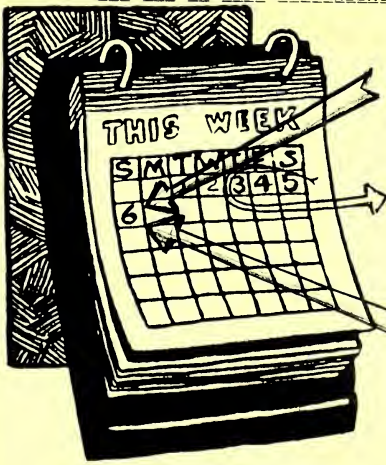
PLEASE POST AS
A REMINDER!

Loyalty Sunday

THE DAY TO SHOW STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR CHURCH AND IT'S MINISTRIES



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Loyalty Sunday
Campaign

When You Give to Help a Child...

Elon Homes Resident Included in Documentary

Note: This is a condensed version of an article by Jo Craven that appeared in the Daily Times-News, Burlington, NC, on March 27, 1988. It is printed with permission of the Daily Times-News.

Simone's room may appear similar to hat of any teenager. There's one lifference: It's just the latest in a string of oster homes the 19 year old has occupied ff and on since she was 3 years old.

Simone's reel with foster homes began vhen her parents split up 16 years ago. By ge five, she says she had lived with three lifferent foster families in four different ocations before moving in with her nother and new stepfather.

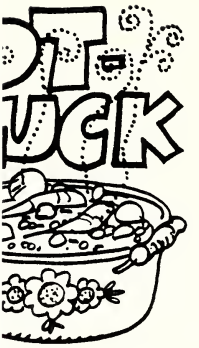
Disputes between her parents combined vith ther mother's remarriage created roblems for Simone and eventually purred her to flee from her Raleigh home.

"I think I was 14 when I started running way," she recalls. "I was the only kid. I uess I didn't have any respect because I ad been thrown around a lot."

"I went to Haven House, and then went home," she continues. "I went to Wrenn House and Wake House. I stayed with a foster family for a year and then went back to Wake House, and then I came here. There wasn't anywhere else for me to go."

J.C. Dollar, associate executive director of Elon Homes, says Simone's history is typical of many teenagers in foster care. Her story will be part of an ABC television documentary to be broadcast this summer. (Tentatively set for 8:00 p.m. on June 3.)

Roberta Oster, associate producer with ABC News, along with a four-man crew, recently spent three days filming Simone. "We're looking all over America at all kinds of settings - residential, institutional, regular home foster care settings."



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According to Oster and Dollar, Elon may be a shining star among foster homes in America. Elon Homes, which also has campuses in Charlotte, NC, and Suffolk, VA, houses an average of 52 children on the local campus and will work with a total of over 200 in a year's time."

What distinguishes Elon from other foster facilities is its division of programs aimed at keeping families in close contact with their children.

"Our agency firmly believes you can't take a child out of a sick family environment, fix that child and put it back and expect it to survive," Dollar says. "(Rather than ostracizing the family) we attempt to embrace that family and help that family recognize their strengths. We lift up those strengths and see self-esteem rise. Once their self-esteem rises, then and only then can the family address its weaknesses and will that family be willing to do that."

Elon offers four distinct phases of foster care, including Crisis Care, Permanency Planning, Positive Youth Development, and Preparation for Independent Living. Residents may progress through each division or enter directly into the program that best meets their needs. "We base our programs on a family's task need to help their child," Dollar says.

Elon Homes operates on an annual budget in excess of $2 million including an income of 35 percent from the government and 65 percent from private donations. The actual cost of care for the average resident is $19,500 a year. Although no family pays the entire cost of care, every family is required to contribute something.

"We firmly believe everybody should contribute," Dollar says. "We have one family that contributes $5 a month, but that's all they can. That child needs to feel like his family is helping."

Simone who is a high school senior in the Preparation for Independent Living program, is nearing the end of her stay at Elon. She's been accepted into Elon College, and despite her tumultous family history, she regards her past philosophically.

"I really didn't have a bad experience," she says. "I think not having the perfect life with a two-story house and two dogs has made me stronger."

When You Give to Help a Child, You Give For Always.

Dear Friends:

When you give to help a child, you are helping boys and girls like Simone who often have been tossed around and had no where else to turn.

At Elon Homes, we try to provide the love, guidance, and stability they need to turn around their lives so they can become responsibile and productive citizens.

You have a vital part in our endeavors. Please continue to remember our boys and girls in your prayers and with your financial support.

Sincerely,

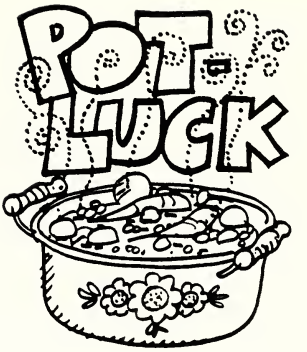
Walston W. Sydnor

Chief Executive Officer

ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Elon College, N.C.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER IN HONOR OF BETH LYON



Our Associate Pastor, the Rev. Beth Lyon, began four months of maternity leave on November 1st. Due date for little Andrew's younger sister or brother is Thanksgiving, although Beth has reason to expect the happy event to occur sooner.

The Church Council decided that rather than have a shower for the new baby, it would be more appropriate to give a gift to the new baby in the form of a bond, and to present it to Beth at an all-church Pot-luck dinner, which is scheduled for November 6th at 6 p.m. Put the date on your calendar. The group of college students that Beth has been working with weekly will also join with us for the meal. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you may make out a check to the church and subtitle it "Lyon gift." We hope that Beth and her husband Bob will be able to be present with us then.

Beth will return to work here March 1st. Her position is being filled by our Interim Associate Pastor, the Rev. Dorcas Lohr, who is already hard at work planning for Advent and Christmas activities in our church, and trying to learn names and faces. If you need to reach Dorcas she will be in the church office from 9 to 12 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings; or you may call her at her home phone, 584-4222.

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ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN DAY

Sunday, November 13, 1988 is Elon Homes for Children Day in our church.

Since 1907 Elon Homes has been a vital part of our community. Over the years the Elon Homes has provided an atmosphere of love and concern for the children in their care.

Now, the young people living on campus are from twelve years old through the teen years. A far reaching program of Crisis Care, Permanency Planning, Positive Youth Development, and Preparation for Independent Living is being carried on, paving the way to successful and quality lives for them in the future.

You will find a flyer on the Elon Homes and an envelope for your contribution in this copy of the Torch.

We have responded generously every year in support of this fine work, let us do so again this year.

TAKE CARE - SHARE.

The Board of Missions

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Circles of the Women's Fellowship meet on Monday and Tuesday, November 7th and 8th. The theme for the month is "Traveling With a Thankful Heart." Our annual Thank Offering will be received. Let us all express our gratitude to God for His goodness and love as we make this special offering to Strengthen the Church.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Danny Law
Fred Loy, Jr.

4 - Joe Alexander

7 - Betty Shomaker

8 - Kathleen Lankford

10 - Patricia Woody
Mike Mayse

11 - J. Fred Young

12 - Michael Davis

14 - George Edwards
Anna Marie Wilkins

15 - Gladys Hughes

19 - Brian Harper
Sara Dodson

20 - Jacqueline Matlock
Margaret Smith
Amy Goude

21 - Connie Howard
Ola Overton

24 - Diane Timblin

27 - Dwight Wall

29 - Nina Matlock

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THE FUN CLUB

The Fun Club will meet in the Choral Room on Tuesday morning, November 8th at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Ten Eyck will be in charge of the program. It is always a pleasure for friends to meet together and enjoy Christian Fellowship. Following the meeting we will go out for lunch. New officers will be elected.

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YOUTH EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
"Christians and the American Way" Where do you get your values? Does HBO mean more to you than God? Come for pizza and some good discussion.	Sun., Nov. 6 12 noon	Youth Room
Learn more about Habitat for Humanity. David Harper will bring a video. We'll talk about ways to get involved over some pizza.	Sun. Nov. 13 12 noon	Youth Room
Come play putt-putt with the group.	Sat., Nov. 19 2 p.m.	Meet at the Church.
Help plan a service project. Possibilities include sponsoring a child at the church's mission hospital in Zimbabwe.	Sun., Nov. 27 12 noon	Youth Room.
Don't miss the Moravian Love Feast sponsored by the College. Come sit as a group.	Sun., Dec. 4 7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Share your Christmas with a needy family in our community. We will need food, clothing and toys. Details will be announced.	Sun., Dec. 11	
Christmas Pageant. We'll be needed as readers and stage hands to help the children act out the Christmas Story. Rehearsals TBA.	Sun., Dec. 18	Sanctuary
Ski Trip to Blowing Rock. Skiing, worship, fellowship, speakers and more. Plan ahead if you want to go. Package starts at $68.00. See Dorcas Lohr for details.	Dec. 27-29	BRAG

TORCHGLEAMS

Gene and Kathleen Lankford were in our nation's capital for the September 10th wedding of their grandson, Paul Purdy of Hickory, NC to Kerry Thornett. The happy couple flew to Jamaica for their honeymoon--just ahead of Hurricane Gilbert. They survived, and will have a great story to tell whenever honeymoons are mentioned, but can probably imagine better alternatives...

Pat and Dwight Wall are most appreciative of the cards and visits and other rememberances from their friends during Pat's recent hospitalization. We're glad she's better...

Evelyn Terrell faced a difficult problem: husband Bill is ready to leave Moses Cone Hospital after theraphy following his fractured hip and shoulder, but she found she needs gall bladder surgery on November 9th! Providentially, a room opened up at Twin Lakes for Bill just when he needed it. He'll be a little longer getting back home but a good bit closer to his many friends; and we pray successful surgery for Evelyn and a speedy recovery. Friends who visit Bill should be aware that one leftover problem from his recent accident is a painful tightening of his throat as he talks, so please keep your visits to him brief. He was to come to Twin Lakes on November 2nd, where he will be on the third floor of the main building...

John Irvine thanks everyone who provided him with such support through prayers, visits, and phone calls during his recent brief hospitalization. He is doing fine...

Congratulations to Bill and Susan Barbee on the birth of their first grandchild, Caleb Aaron Camacho, who weighed in at 8 lbs. 11 oz. on September 30th. His parents, Beth and Tom Camacho, have just moved from Raleigh to the Winter Park section of Wilmington...

Jim and Susan Brown and their family have been very much concerned about Jim's father, Lyall Brown, who has just had cancer surgery at Duke Hospital and continues there for radiation treatments; the whole episode blew up very quickly. Keep him in your prayers...

Bill and Cary Andes have had a trip to Philadelphia for a few days to see their son and his family. En route they stopped off to visit John and Gertrude Irvine in their new apartment near Harrisonburg, Virginia, and drop off Gertrude's winter coat which was somehow left behine during the Irvines' recent move. The Irvines are happily settled in. Their address is 105 Highlands Place, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801....

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We hope to see Eleanore Kittenger in church November 6th; son Robert has promised to bring her home that weekend. Did you know he has a new job in Burlington? It's a lot better commute than to High Point ...Earl and Ann Vickers, looking tanned and fit, are back from a fall vacation at the beach...Marsh McLelland enjoyed his 40th class reunion of his law school class at UNC last weekend, and the first 55 minutes of the football game...John and Ellie Ketcham are back from a flying weekend trip to visit family in California and check up on their grandchild...

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

2 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

3 - 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

6 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Youth
6:00 p.m. Pot-Luck Dinner in honor of Beth Lyon
Board of Christian Education afterwards

7 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 and 2
6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Circle 3

8 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Church Library

9 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Troop 51 Committee Meeting

10 - 7:00 p.m. Senior Girl Scouts

13 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Youth
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

14 -- 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics

15 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

16 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

17 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Budget Committee

20 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

21 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics

22 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

23 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

24 - 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service - First Baptist

27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Youth

28 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics

29 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

30 - 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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The following letter was recently received from the Cherokee Council, Inc. of Boy Scouts of America.

October 20, 1988

Dear Pastor:

As you are very well aware, hunger has become one of our community's most pressing and serious problems. Last year area residents, adults and children suffered because of their inability to obtain sufficient food.

To help alleviate this problem and provide food for the Salvation Army, Wesley Hall, Allied Church Shelter, Family Abuse Services and Community Services, the Cherokee Council Boy Scouts of America is conducting a "Scouting for Food" Good Turn. This local appeal is part of a major national project of the Scouting movement.

Saturday, November 12, 1988 has been designated as "Scouting for Food Good Turn Project" day. Scouts and Scouters from the Alamance District will be available to pick up from area residents non-perishable food items between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. There are also nine (9) drop-off points in the greater Burlington area where residents may deliver the items themselves, which would certainly be a great help to our efforts. To have the food items picked up, residents should call 229-2001 between November 4, 1988 and November 11, 1988 anytime during the day or night and leave their address. A listing of the nine (9) area drop points are also attached.

You and your congregations can also be of great service to the program. If residents should not be able to have the food items picked up or deliver them to a drop location, please encourage them to bring the items to church on Sunday, November 13, 1988 for use in your church pantry. We just request that you report how many cans were collected to the Cherokee Council Office (227-7435). In addition, a brief announcement in your church bulletin, newsletter and pulpit would certainly encourage church members to participate and be part of this most worthwhile effort.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Cherokee Council Service Center at anytime. Thank you very much for your continued concern and support.

Sincerely,

Bill Brackett
Scout Executive

Dave Westcott, Chairman
Scouting for Food Good Turn

Cherokee Council of Boy Scouts of America - con't.

AREA DROP LOCATIONS

Byrd Food Stores

1250 Chapel Hill Road
Highway 49 & 70 - Haw River
2120 N. Church Street
508 N. Church Street
1801 S. Church Street
412 S. Main Street - Graham
2210 W. Webb Avenue

David Westcott Buick - Isuzu

422 Huffman Mill Road

Cherokee Council Service Center - Boy Scouts of America

505 E. Davis Street

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PRAYER GROUP

Earlier this fall, several members of the Women's Fellowship indicated interest in a daytime prayer group. An initial meeting of this prayer/support group will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 14 in the church library. A regular meeting time (once or twice monthly) will be set by those who attend this initial meeting. Anyone interested is invited, whether or not you attend other Women's Fellowship activities. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Nancy Lu Irvine, 584-9198 (Women's Fellowship Spiritual Life Chairperson) or the church office, 584-0391.

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The following letter was recently received from
the North Carolina Department of Human Resourses

October 5, 1988

Ms. Robin Keller McCraw, Director
Elon College Community Church Afterschool Program
Post Office Box 625
Elon College, North Carolina 27244

Dear Ms. McCraw:

Thank you for your letter explaining your afterschool program. Although your program operates less than four (4) hours per day and is not required to meet the child day care center rules and regulations, your letter indicates that you are doing an excellent job complying with many of the child day care center requirements on a volunteer basis.

Keeping the children on teacher workdays or on snow days does not alter the fact that you are not required to meet the child day care center rules and regulations. You are to be commended for your concern and commitment to children. If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me at (919)733-4801.

Sincerely,

Reverend Davis Bowen, D. Min.
Special Programs Coordinator

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
Nov. 6	Martin & Edith Shotzberger	Ryan Harris/Daniel Doyle	Parker
13	Wally and Nell Snyder	Emily Woody/Amy Rose	C. Powel
20	Walter and Mary Louise Boyd	Marie Acquilano/Elizabeth Mayse	C.Mat
27	Robin and Patricia Woody	Don Danley/Scott Dollar	Shomaker

Children's Church

Nov. 6	Lou Harper
13	Sue or Jim Brown
20	Janet or Mike Mayse
27	George or Carole Troxler

Nursery Schedule

Lou Harper
Marie Wilkins
Katie Brown
Amy Vickers

Worship Attendance for October

2	127	23	125
9	149	30	159
16	126		

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

November 20. Thanksgiving Sunday.

Dr. Irvine will be preaching on "Living Between Brackets." Scriptures are Jeremiah 23:1-6, Revelation 1:4b-8, and John 18:33-37. Hymns will be "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," "Praise to God, Immortal Praise," and "Now Thank We All Our God."

November 23. Annual Thanksgiving Eve Union Service

This year's service will be held at Elon College First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. At the invitation of the Deacons of both churches, the First Baptist Church of Elon College (Morgan Place) will join in this community service also. Its pastor, the Rev. Clarence Wall, will be the preacher. The choir of the host church will provide music.

November 27. First Sunday in Advent.

As the new liturgical year begins, our pastor will be preaching on Psalm 25:1-10, beginning a sermon series on "Paths to Christmas." This one will be entitled "The Lord's Paths." Hymns will include "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," and "The Lord's My Shepherd."

December 4. Second Sunday in Advent.

The sermon will be on "A Straight Path," from Luke 3:1-6. We will sing "O Come, Emmanuel," "In the Bleak Mid-Winter," and "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

December 4, 7:30 p.m.

The annual Moravian Love Feast Service sponsored by the college will be held in our sanctuary.

December 11. Third Sunday in Advent.

The choir will present a special program of Christmas music at this service.

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TORCHGLEAMS

IT'S A GIRL! Beth and Bob Lyon are the happy parents of Rebecca Jean, born in Siler City at 12:16 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15th. She weighed 7 lbs. 13½ oz. and everybody is doing just fine at home in Durham. Congratulations!

We're glad to report that John Schmidt has come through his surgery at Duke well and is recuperating satisfactorily, and that Evelyn Terrell's surgery at Memorial Hospital is also behind her and she is going home as this is being written. Bill Terrell continues to recuperate at Twin Lakes awaiting Evelyn's full recovery and a delayed homecoming....

Mrs. Alma Lynch, Estelle Perry's mother, is most appreciative of the cards, prayers, and other remembrances from her many friends in our church during her recent extended hospitalization. She is happy to be recuperating at home now and sends her thanks to all....

We note with sadness the death of Josephine Farmer on November 8th at the Jefferson Nursing Home in Caswell County. She was buried at her home church, Pleasant Grove UCC, in Halifax County, Virginia....

Evella and Holt Sutton have a new great grandson, Michael Andrew Henderson, son of Katrina and Gerald Henderson of Westgate Drive. Michael was born November 7th....

Our Cub Pack boys, in connection with a nationwide Boy Scout effort, collected 313 cans and boxes of food for our church's food pantry. Well done, Cubs, and many thanks! The ROTC group at Elon College, for the second straight year, will be donating food they have collected to our food pantry also. So after running on the edge of empty for many months, once again at Thanksgiving time our "tank" will have some reserves....

Maybe you can suggest some items for TORCHGLEAMS we have missed hearing about. By all means call them in to the church office! Thank you.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

16	-	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
17	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
20	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
		6:00 p.m.	Student Dinner
21	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
22	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
23	-	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
24	-	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service - First Baptist
27	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Youth
28	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
29	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Pinewood Derby
30	-	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Many Estimates Made -- More Expected

ARE YOU A STRAGGLER?

Our "Take Care-Share" Campaign draws to a close and it is important that all "Estimates of Giving" be submitted. Our Budget Committee and our other committees need to know the financial picture for 1989 so that they can properly allocate funds for the planned programs. Please, if your estimate has not been submitted, send it in. TAKE CARE - SHARE!

ISN'T IT AMAZING!

Isn't it amazing, how much like a family, yours and mine, is our church! When you stop to think of us, united as a family, the similarities are countless.

While our "father" (John Irvine) is out tending his flock, our "mother," (Roberta Starr) serves up our weekly bulletin and bi-weekly TORCH nourishment and, when not answering the phone, types up new "recipes" (such as this document!) for the family's benefit.

Some members of the family volunteer their talents in support of the family endeavors. One member (John Ketcham) handles the budget for the family, estimating financial needs and allocating funds. Another (Bill Blanchard) makes sure that the bills are paid on time so that our phone, heat and lights are available when needed.

Other members of the family take charge of other responsibilities, heading up committees which plan the church family's activities: Christian Education Board (Ray Covington); Cub Scout Pack 51 (George Troxler); Choir (Steve Ten Eyck) and Afterschool Program (Robin McCraw) are just a few examples. And those that are, at the moment, not active on a voluntary support basis are sharing support in a financial way, sharing hard earned money so that the family's responsibility to the community, both near and afar, can be satisfied. These analogies can go on and on, and we could mention the name of each one of us because of our individual support, provided either physically or financially.

It is amazing - we, as a family group of several hundred members, united in support of a concept greater than any of us individually.

Remember, the next time a member of our family calls on you to help - that caller has also been called upon and has volunteered to seek <u>your</u> help - and when we each help a little we can truly accomplish a lot. In the process we get to know each other better and can better recognize the talents and gifts that each member contributes to make this a United Church of Christ!

- Earl Parker

FOR EVERYONE WHO IS FREE ON

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 26th FROM 2 - 3 p.m.

Come catch the Christmas Spirit early by helping to decorate our sanctuary. Coffee, donuts and good fellowship will be served. Bring your angel and/or star for the top of your own Christmas tree and we'll have a simple service of blessing and sending forth as we get ready for Christmas!

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PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the prayer/support group will be Monday, November 28th at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. Other interested persons are invited. If you need a ride, call Nancy Lu Irvine (584-9198) or the church office.

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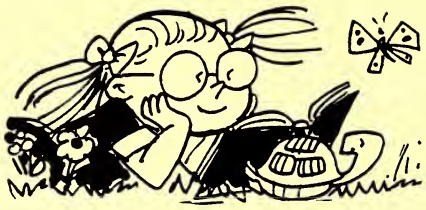

ATTENTION GIRLS

A new group for fourth and fifth grade girls has been formed. We are meeting every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 in the Parish House. Come join us!

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NEEDED BY THE YOUTH -

Do you have any latex paint you'll never use cluttering up your garage? The Youth Group is painting screens for the Christmas program and could use donations of any color by this Sunday, if at all possible! Thanks.

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PARENTS,

The first fifteen minutes of Children's Sunday School (9:45 - 10:00) will be spent together in singing.

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December 4. Second Sunday in Advent.

The sermon will be on "A Straight Path," from Luke 3:1-6. We will sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "In the Bleak Mid-Winter," and "Hail to the Lord's Anointed."

December 4, 7:30 p.m.

The annual Moravian Love Feast Service sponsored by the college will be held in our sanctuary. Richard McBride will give the meditation on "The Season of Lights." Carole Chase and John Irvine will be liturgists. Dr. Ten Eyck will play and members of the college's concert choir will sing "Lo, How a Rose." Three children from the First Moravian Church of Greensboro will sing the traditional Moravian carol with the congregation as in past years. Students from our Sunday evening group, and other Christian groups on campus, will serve the traditional foods. An added feature this year will be luminaries outside prepared by our church youth and others.

December 11. Third Sunday in Advent.

The choir will present a special musical program at this service. Two anthems each from the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany season will be sung. Ellen Williams, mezzo-soprano, will be guest soloist. Dr. Ten Eyck will play "Spanish Noels for Organ" by Norman Guinaldo. Among the choral pieces will be Gustave Holst's arrangement of "In the Bleak Midwinter" and J. S. Bach's "For Us a Child is Born" from the Christmas Cantata. Hymns will be "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

December 18. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "A Peaceful Path" from Micah 5:2-5a. Carols will include "Joy to the World," "What Child Is This," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

December 18, 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant.

The theme is the "Circle of Light." Danced and sung by the nine and ten year olds. Mary, Joseph, Kings, fishermen and others are called into God's light.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP - continued -

December 24. Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m.

We will celebrate the coming of the Christ child at a traditional Christmas Eve family service. Dr. Dorcas Lohr will preach the story sermon. We will sing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Away in a Manger," and "Silent Night."

December 25. Christmas Day.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be entitled "Beautiful Feet" from Isaiah 52:7-10. Hymns to be sung will include "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "On This Day Earth Shall Ring," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

There will be no Sunday School classes on Christmas Sunday morning or New Year's Sunday morning this year.

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FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN SUMMARY AS OF 11/30/88:

	1988	1989
Estimates of Giving	115	115
Single Budget		48,072
Current Expense		44,025
Benevolences		10,783
Total	96,988	102,880

There were 9 new Giving Estimates amounting to $2,246.26.

48 family units increased their Giving Estimates for a total of $8,294

12 family units decreased their Giving Estimates for a total of $1,296

10 family units have not yet made a Giving Estimate.

Last year these totaled $1,367.

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TORCHGLEAMS

Holt and Evella Sutton are proud that their granddaughter, Shannon Moss, daughter of Donna and Terry Moss, was chosen "Miss Western" at Western Alamance High School on November 18th...

We are grateful that Mabel Veazey has come through her knee replacement surgery well and is back home. Irma Seamster will be staying with her for a while to help out. In a few months Mabel expects to have the other knee "done" too...

Bill Andes underwent surgery on November 30th at Memorial Hospital. We pray a speedy recovery for our Pastor Emeritus...

Hilda Oxford has been painfully ill for some weeks at home but is sensing some slow improvement. We pray her improvement will accelerate markedly...

Thanks to Carolyn Messick, Dorcas Lohr, Louis Wilkins, and John Irvine who decorated the sanctuary for the holidays on November 26th. There are some new touches this year; note Carolyn's beautiful angel hanging from the chandelier in the Narthex, particularly...And thanks to Ed and Betty Powell for providing once again the beautiful wreaths for the front doors...

Thanksgiving season travel seems to have been pretty much non-problemati for our members and their guests, with the exception of John and Ellie Ketcham, who managed well on a trip to New Jersey until they got back to Alamance County, when I-85 traffic was slowed badly by traffic accidents...

Our sympathy to Gene Grimsley and his family in the death of his mother in New York state early this week...

Jim Brown's father had a setback this past weekend but seems to be better at this writing...

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

It is Christmas Cheer time again! Each year our church, through the Women's Fellowship, adopts several families in our community and provides them with clothing, food, and toys to brighten their Christmas. Tables have been set up in the Seekers' Classroom to receive donations for this project. (Please bring canned goods and wearable clothing---pin the size on if there is not a label showing the size.) Money to buy fresh food and other items not donated will be appreciated. Please make checks payable to the Women's Fellowship. A box has been placed in the narthex for food donations.
DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS--Monday, December 19.

Co-Chairmen of WF Friendly Service

Verona D. Danieley
Elizabeth Parker

Listed below are adopted families and the information provided us by the Christmas Cheer office in Burlington.

	Age	Sex	Clothes Size	Shoe Size
Family #1	32	F	9	5½
	2½	F	3	4
Needs clothing and food, Money for heating and electricity. Nursery items for newborn.				
Family #2	63	M		
	47	F	24½	8½
	5	F	6-7	12½ (child)
	24	M	48 Ex-L	8½
Help needed with clothing and food.				
Family #3	Mother		8	6
	Daughter (12)		9 (child)	1½ (child)
Family #4	32	F	16	11
	8	M	14 (reg.)	3½ (child)
Mother needs winter coat and other clothes, help with medicine (diabetic). Child needs winter coat. Food for entire family.				
Family #5	11	M	14 shirt 18 pants	7½
	1½	F	24 months	6 (child)
(Mother, two other children and nephew live with Mother's parents)				

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Paul Cheek
Phyllis Young
Sam Foster

3 - Helene Ellis

4 - Jim Griswold
William Gabriel

7 - Sherleen Corne

8 - Jane Young
Jean Simons

10 - Warren R. Jeffreys
Marie Wilkins

11 - Jane D. Shutt
Dawn Flye
Jim Byers
Keith Fogleman

12 - Wesley Reynolds

14 - A. M. Primm

15 - Billy Beyers

16 - Jane Moncure

17 - Gladys Smith

18 - Reggie McLelland
Kate McAdams

23 - Corinna Hope Martin

25 - Caryl Schmidt

26 - Charles Wilkins

28 - Jeffrey Shumar
Elizabeth Mayse

30 - Ann Martin
Louise Piercy

31 - Melanie A. Porterfield

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BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 51 participated in the national "Scouting for Food" program and collected a total of 141 cans for our pantry. The Elon Exchange Club helped the scouts by collecting 60 cans.

Troop 51 has joined the "Adopt-a-Highway" program (mentioned in last Tuesday's Burlington paper.) Our assigned 2 mile stretch is highway 100 (Haggard Ave.) from NC 87 to SR 1301 (Williamson Ave.) The scouts are proud to be the first scout troop, and one of only four groups to take part in the program in Alamance County. Look for the signs to go up soon.

Our troop will have its second "Court of Honor" Monday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish house. There will also be some slides of the troop in action. A small Christmas party will follow. It will be open to all who would like to join us.

Troop 51 and Pack 51 will both be in the Gibsonville Christmas Parade Saturday, December 10.

- Frank Danley

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

The Women's Fellowship will have a Christmas Breakfast on Saturday morning, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House. The program will be presented by Mrs. Mary Kimball on "A Christ Centered Christmas."

You are invited to bring a favorite Christmas decoration to share at our breakfast meeting. Decorations will be on display during the meeting only. Bring them Saturday morning and pick them up after the meeting.

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ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

As always in November one Sunday is set aside to recognize Elon Homes for Children.

On November 13th of this year we were pleased to have many representatives from the Elon Homes worship with us and take part in the service.

Felicia Jones and Debbie Ham greeted the congregation with Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder. David Poole and Jamie Wilkinson served as ushers with Scott Dollar, Brian Rose and Rob Woody of our church. Dr. W. J. Andes shared with us a sermon on communities. Mike White introduced, in groups, all those attending from the Elon Homes. Doug Hammond served as coordinator.

Our congregation gave a generous contribution of $485.00 toward the fine work of the Elon Homes.

It was a special day of sharing for all of us.

From the "Soup Can" in the narthex 354 coupons have been turned in recently to the Elon Homes, making a total of 970 coupons collected in this way.

- The Board of Missions

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!

Thanks to the support of each and everyone of you, our "TAKE CARE - SHARE" Campaign "Estimates of Giving" surpassed last year's fund drive, although the total fell short of the planned needs for 1989.

Special thanks are due to the many "Booster" volunteers that helped get out the estimate:

Phyllis Young	Paul Cheek	Bill Blanchard
D. D. Atkinson	Shirley Beyer	Patricia Woody
Al Carpenter	Debbie Danley	Tom Conally
Ken Harper	J. L. Dixon	Jeff Wilkins
Wally Snyder	Elizabeth Parker	Richard McBride
James Underhill	Evella Sutton	Ellie Ketcham

And, of course, many others participated as members of the various committees that initially planned and budgeted projects, down to those such as our children who contribute their quarters!

Unfortunately, some items had to be reduced or eliminated to balance the 1989 budget. For example, funds are not available for the van which is needed for the Afterschool Program. We thus face a challenge to finance purchase of a van in 1989.

- The Budget Committee

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EXCHANGE CLUB BRUNSWICK STEW SALE

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 1988

The Elon College Exchange Club will be selling its famous Brunswick Stew on Friday, December 2nd, from noon to dark on the park across from the Elon College fire house on South Williamson Avenue. The sale will continue on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m., if any remains unsold.

The last offering was sold out by Friday evening so plan to get yours early. You may have the stew reserved for you and delivered to your home by contacting a member of the Club. $3.00 per quart.

- Earl Parker

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1	-	7:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
3	-	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Breakfast
4	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Youth Planning Session
		6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
5	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
6	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
7	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
11	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			Congregational Meeting immediately after service
		6:30 p.m.	Caroling
12	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
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		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Court of Honor
			Parish House
20	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Christmas Party

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DECEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

21	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
24	-	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
25	-		CHRISTMAS DAY No Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Church Worship
26	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
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28	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday evening, December 11th, all those wishing to go caroling will meet in the south parking lot of the church at 6:30 p.m. One group will go on foot to carol for people living within walking range; another group will go by car to visit people farther away. Later everyone is invited to gather at the Parish House for refreshments and fellowship.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowers
ec. 4	John and Ellie Ketcham	V. Herold/N. Hammond	Hurst
ec. 11	Dee and Mona Atkinson	J. Brown/H. Troxler	R. Longest
ec. 18	Marsh and Reggie McLelland	S. Dollar/B. Harper	Starr
ec. 25	Earl and Verona Danieley	R. Harris/D. Doyle	Young

Christmas Wreaths: Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell III

hildren's Church

ec. 4 Ann or R. J. Acquilano
ec. 11 Sheree Smith
ec. 18 Carolyn Messick
ec. 25 Marie or Jeff Wilkins

ursery Schedule

ec. 4 Ivy Anderson
ec. 11 Shannon Hankey
ec. 18 Nancy Martin

orship Attendance for November

6	-	158	20	-	154
13	-	180	27	-	118

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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	1987 ACTUAL	1988 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
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Total Loose Offerings	2,677.08	2,677.08	2,007.81	2,480.53
Total Interest Earned	430.29	500.00	375.00	570.07
Total Fund Raising	2,296.05	2,517.00	2,467.00	1,647.47
Total Rental Income	315.00	257.92	212.34	595.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	1,179.76	2,275.00	1,960.75	1,177.04
TOTAL REVENUE	120,105.56	128,158.00	97,438.40	97,330.41
EXPENDITURES				
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Total UCC Ministries	13,499.00	16,851.00	12,900.00	7,579.00
Total World Ministries	2,124.30	2,225.00	2,075.00	1,678.00
Total Other Mission Expense	68.10	100.00	100.00	51.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	19,799.87	22,583.00	16,404.00	12,883.48
Total Worship Services	662.50	630.00	457.50	718.03
Total Evangelism	411.91	600.00	525.00	145.94
Total Music Programs	9,589.83	10,833.00	8,809.47	7,999.84
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	10,664.24	12,063.00	9,791.97	8,863.81
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,894.20	3,435.00	2,780.50	3,279.05
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	7,200.00	9,573.00	8,041.32	7,842.89
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	10,821.82	11,121.94
Total Building Expense	21,700.73	23,800.00	19,855.00	17,752.58
Total Personnel	6,123.93	6,351.00	5,334.84	6,293.61
Total Operating Expense	1,440.14	1,987.00	1,717.08	1,648.28
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	29,264.80	32,138.00	26,906.92	25,694.47
Total Program	313.39	320.00	0.00	341.18
Total Personnel	45,164.00	46,305.00	38,896.20	37,225.60
Total Operating Expense	1,667.05	250.00	176.00	181.44
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	39,072.20	37,748.22
TOTAL OTHER	9,640.75	4,600.00	3,680.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,608.30	131,267.00	106,676.91	96,311.92
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	(6,502.74)	(3,109.00)	(9,238.51)	1,018.49

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1988 No. 24
December 14, 1988

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Dr. Dorcas Lohr, Interim
Associate Pastor

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

December 18. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "A Peaceful Path" from Micah 5:2-5a. Carols will include "Joy to the World," "What Child Is This," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The Christmas Pageant, "A Circle of Light," will be held this Sunday at 7:00 p.m., with refreshments to follow in the Parish House.

December 24. Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m.

We will celebrate the coming of the Christ child at a traditional Christmas Eve family service. Dr. Dorcas Lohr will give a story sermon We will sing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Away in a Manger," and "Silent Night."

December 25. Christmas Day.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be entitled "Beautiful Feet" from Isaiah 52:7-10. Hymns to be sung will include "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "On This Day Earth Shall Ring," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." There will be no Sunday School classes on Christmas Sunday.

January 1. New Year's Day.

We will begin 1989 by celebrating the Lord's Supper. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be based on I Samuel 2:18-26 and Luke 2:41-52, on "The Two-Faced God." Hymns will include "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past," "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand," and "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts." There will be no Sunday School classes on New Year's Sunday.

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Ordination of new deacons and installation of officers, Board and Committee members will be held on Sunday, January 8th.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held after a Church Family Night Supper at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 22.

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The Christmas Fund

for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

Dear Friends,

This letter comes to you with the very best wishes for the Advent and Christmas seasons. But it also contains a request. No matter how busy you are these days, please take some time to consider a gift to the Christmas Fund offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund.

You are probably familiar with this important offering of the United Church of Christ. The Christmas Fund provides us the opportunity to remember with our gifts the pastors and lay professionals, as well as their families, who have devoted their lives to the ministry of the church. This annual appeal supports the Emergency Fund, which covers unexpected medical and other expenses when they occur in the lives of our active and retired pastors. But that is not all. The enclosed brochure explains more about how our gifts are used in behalf of the many church pastors and lay workers who have served us so faithfully.

This year, Elon College Community Church will receive the Christmas Fund offering on Sunday, December 18. In deciding how much to give, it may help you to know that our congregation is challenging every household to give at least $5.00. I urge you to join me in accepting the challenge.

Sincerely,

The Mission Board

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

May 16, 1988 - December 15, 1988

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Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest

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Miss Josephine Farmer
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Lois M. Bost, Bldg. Fund Treasurer
December 15, 1988

OTHER MEMORIALS

Mrs. Ruth Wilkins
Elon College Pride II
Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley

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The Peacemakers Group of the Allied Churches of Alamance County is participating in the campaign against the sale and use of war toys. If you would like to participate, you could clip, sign and present the following message to your favorite toy store.

Dear Store Manager:

I will not buy war toys! I object to our children being encouraged to follow violent role models like Rambo and G.I. Joe. I do not want my children to grow up thinking that disputes and differences are best settled by force. Allowing them to have war toys implicitly supports violence and war solutions to problems.

I wish you would devote less space to war toys and more to toys that teach children cooperation and respect for others.

Sincerely,

TORCHGLEAMS

We were glad to hear that Eleanore Kittenger is back at Penick Episcopal Home, P.O. Box 2001, Southern Pines, NC 28387, after a stay in the hospital due to a broken hip. She is recovering satisfactorily, according to her son Robert . . . .

Mabel Veazey and Bill Andes are both at home recovering from their respective surgeries, albeit slowly, and both wish to express their deep gratitude for so many signs of love and concern from their friends in the ECCC fellowship. Flowers, notes, visits and phone calls brightened the long hours and still continue to do so. Continued prayers for their healing are in order . . . .

Dorothy Clem came through the office door December 12th and told us it had been over a year since she had seen the inside of the church building. She finally felt able to leave husband Kenneth long enough to attend a meeting of the prayer group. The office staff rejoiced to see her....The previous day their Sunday School class had a little party at the Clems' home to sing some carols, and all were impressed to hear Ken joining right in. What a lot of progress he has made in the months since his stroke! Keep going forward, friend!....

Three groups of carolers went out on a cold Sunday night and visited a number of our older folks, singing for them and in some instances delivering poinsettias for Christmas cheer. Afterwards they gathered at the parsonage for hot cocoa and cookies. We were all glad Doug and Deanna Hammond's new baby delayed putting in an appearance so they could participate with their three children; but otherwise, Deanna's ready. Let us remember this family as Christmas, and a newborn, approach for them....

Budget Committee chairman Bill Beyer was amazed and gratified at how this year's budget sailed through the congregational meeting without discussion. "It surely was different from last year," he marveled. A salute to him and all the Budget Committee members for a fine job.. ..and kudos too to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Ken Harper, which also turned in a good report....

So much lovely music floated by us at worship December 11th it was hard to say what was most beautiful. Our choir, which has been sounding better and better all fall, sang seven anthems and Ellen Williams' soaring mezzo-soprano filled the sanctuary for a choice

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solo. Congratulations to all of them for a memorable service. And did you catch the clomping camels in Steve Ten Eyck's pedal work on the hymn "We Three Kings"? Thanks, Steve, for leading us in a great time...Speaking of Steve and the organ, he's been tackling some very difficult organ pieces lately in connection with college events, and they have come off in grand style....

Have you noticed how many new faces are showing up at worship lately? Attendance has been pretty consistently higher during November and December than last year. Several Sundays ago we had sixteen children surrounding Dorcas Lohr during the Time With Children...We have a number of new families attending these days. In January the Evangelis Committee hopes to have its name tag system functioning and we can begin learning each other's names more easily....

And speaking of performances, Chip McCraw has been playing drums for the Gallery Players' presentation of "The Little Shop of Horrors" during its recent run....

Thanks to the Tan and Toil Garden Club for providing us with a wreath for the Parish House door for the holidays. When the set of wreaths provided by the Ed Powells disappeared from the front doors of the church during the week before the Moravian Love Feast service, Carolyn Messick made up two very artistic hangings that substituted for the loss; the Powells graciously replaced the stolen wreaths, and Carolyn's work now hangs on the back doors off the parking lot into the office, adding much cheer to that entrance and drawing rave reviews. We trust that there will be no more disappearances and "all's well that end's well"; thanks, good people!....

Jim Brown's father Lyall Brown is in County Hospital. His radiation treatments have caused difficulty in swallowing. Remember him in your prayers.... Janet Mayse's mother Ethel Lippard, is recovering from a broken shoulder suffered in an auto accident in Concord several weeks ago...

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NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FORMING:

A new Sunday School Class for adults will begin January 8th. The class, taught by John and Susan Hemphill, will explore the following topics; "The Stages of a Person's Faith," and "Where Does The Church Fit In?" Future topics will be determined by the class. There will be an emphasis on fellowship as well as study. If you have questions about this new class, please call John or Susan at 584-4398.

The Church Staff joins in wishing every Torch reader a delight-filled holiday season. May God's peace rest upon you and your home.

Roberta Starr

Dorcas J. Lohr

Robin K. McCraw

Stephen Ten Eyck

Beth Dassenbaum

John M. Irvine, Jr.

Bobby "Beeby" Farrington

DECEMBER CALENDAR

14	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
18	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant
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		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
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			Parish House
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TO: Contributors to the Cornerstone Campaign

FROM: Lisa Barrows, Administrator for the Campaign

One goal of Cornerstone is to build an endowment for new church starts. Good Shepherd U.C.C., our new start in Cary, has received help from Cornerstone and has had an exciting year. Between 50 and 60 people gather for worship each Sunday at Jordan Hall, the Cary community center. Each member has participated in a four-week Membership Class, and the congregation has already contributed to Neighbors in Need and Our Church's Wider Mission.

Good Shepherd is also involved in community outreach. Several members walked in the local CROP Walk, and the church joined a Cary ecumenical group called Christian Community in Action. Part of the church's responsibility is helping to run the Dorcas Shop, a nonprofit clothing store for those in need. At their communion service the first Sunday of each month, members of Good Shepherd also collect food, clothing and monetary gifts for this ministry.

Looking forward to the eventual construction of a church building, Good Shepherd hopes to close on seven acres of land on the inner loop of Cary before January 1. The church faces many challenges, but we are excited by its growth and its Christian witness to the people of Cary. We also anticipate that this vibrant, caring congregation will make important contributions to the life of Southern Conference.

Thank you for sharing in such new starts and renewals, and also in leadership development through seminary scholarships and continuing education opportunities. Cornerstone can help us make a significant difference. We are depending on your pledge, so please make every effort to fulfill it. Also, if you made a one-year pledge or find you can do even more, we encourage you to increase your commitment. Please help us move forward in the service of Jesus Christ.

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PRAYER GROUP 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 19

The Prayer Group, which normally meets every two weeks, will have a different schedule due to the holidays. The next two meetings are Monday, December 19 and Monday, January 9, both at 10:30 a.m.

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TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10,094.20	13,008.00	11,725.66	12,255.93
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TOTAL LEADERSHIP	47,144.44	46,875.00	42,813.60	40,899.71
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A Special Meeting of the Congregation is called for just after worship hour on January 1st to elect three persons to Board positions that were unfilled by the December 11th Special Meeting.

January 8.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Going Beyond Mourning" from Isaiah 61:1-4. Hymns will include "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," and "O God of Love, O King of Peace." New deacons will be ordained and officers and Board and Committee members will be installed.

Our church choir will have a Sunday off and Dr. Ten Eyck's Chamber Singers from Elon College will take its place in one of its last performances before leaving for a tour of Hungary during the winter term.

January 15.

"When Jesus Comes to a Wedding" will be the title of our Pastor's sermon, taken from John 2:1-11. Hymns will be "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years," "Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet," and "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated."

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held after a Covered Dish meal in the Parish House on Sunday evening, January 22. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

TORCHGLEAMS

Marsh and Reggie McLelland are proud to be grandparents again! Their new grandson is Brandon Roger Basto, born December 12th in Greensboro to their daughter Faye and her husband Roger....

Bill Sloan was grieved to hear early in December that Bea Ling, wife of his foster son the Rev. John Ling, died after an illness of several months in Warren, Iowa. Bea's parents were visiting the family from New Zealand when Bea came down with lupus and they remained throughout her illness. She was 44 and left a son, 13, and a daughter, 11. John Ling, a Methodist pastor, was here at the time of Bessie Sloan's funeral. Let us remember this family in our prayers....

Our sympathy to Dee Atkinson and his family in the death of his father, Sidney Wilson Atkinson, on December 20th; and to Josie Huey and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Carl Bishop Huey, December 22nd....

A new group of acolytes has emerged from the children attending our church. On December 23rd a training session was held for Willie Herold, Shawn and Tara McKenna, Elizabeth Lohr-Myers, and Scott Williamson. Willie and Shawn began their duties at the Christmas Eve service. Welcome aboard, all of you! They join an earlier group who began in the fall that included Marie Acquilano, Elizabeth Mayse, Don Danley, Vega Herold, and Nicole Hammond; these in turn joined the earlier group of Jamie Brown, Scott Dollar, Daniel Doyle, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Amy Rose, and Heidi Troxler. Our pool of substitutes includes Shannon Albertson, Katie Brown, Travis Loy, and Rob Woody. Twenty-one children and young people are now a part of this program! Thanks to everyone for adding to our worship services in this way....

Joyful Christmas festivities enlightened our homes and our church this happy season. The Christmas Pageant this year involved more than 50 youth and children under Dorcas Lohr's and Steve Ten Eyck's able direction; the young people made scenery so lovely it was left in place in the chancel through the holiday. At least 127 people were present for the pageant, after which everyone repaired to the Parish House for delicious refreshments....

Let us go into 1989 with courage and gaiety of spirit, knowing that the God who has blessed us so abundantly will continue to bless and challenge us.

OUR CHRISTMAS CHEER project this year was a tremendous success. We helped 6 families, involving 24 persons. Our church members and friends were very generous with their gifts of food, clothing, and money. Our families were provided new shoes, clothing (some of it new), and groceries sufficient for a Christmas dinner, as well as a sack of apples, oranges and hard candy, plus a gift certificate to purchase food items as needed by individual families. In one instance, we included a gift certificate for medicine from our local pharmacy. In addition, we contributed $100 to Christmas Cheer of Alamance County when we learned that they had several families who had not been adopted.

The Christmas Cheer Committee expresses its deep appreciation to everyone who helped. We wish all of you could have been present on Wednesday, December 21, to see the faces of our adopted families when they came to the church to pick up their gifts. You would have experienced the real spirit of Christmas, as we did.

Thanks to one and all!

Verona Danieley
Elizabeth Parker
Jackie Pendergrass
Sybil White
Frances Longest

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THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be collecting paper products during the month of January to take to the shelter for the homeless of Alamance County. Needed are all kinds of paper products: towels, toilet tissue, cups, plates, napkins, etc.

We would like to invite the members of the congregation to join us in this project. We will leave the decorated box in the narthex that was used for Christmas Cheer and you may place your gifts there.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

1	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
2	-	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
3	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
8	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
9	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
10	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
11	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting
12	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
15	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
16	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
17	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
18	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
19	-	7:00 p.m.	Afterschool Committee
22	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:00 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
			ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY CALENDAR - continued

23	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
24	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
25	-	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
26	-	7:00 p.m.	District Men's Fellowship Shallowford Church
29	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
30	-	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
31	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting

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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

May I offer my heartfelt thanks to our choir for their steadfast cooperation and positive attitude during the Advent-Christmas season. Many extra hours of rehearsal and performance were approached with a special air of goodwill. I am truly grateful and proud of their accomplishments; it is a joy to work with such a loving group of singers.

I will be on holiday January 1, taking in the Christmas celebrations in Boston. On January 8, our choir will take a well-deserved break. The service will be sung by the Elon College Chamber Singers. This ensemble will leave on January 12 for a concert tour of Austria and Hungary and will sing worship music from their concert tour repertoire. I hope you will enjoy this exciting "send-off" service.

Wishing you all Godspeed and a fruitful New Year.

Faithfully,

Stephen Ten Eyck
Organist/Choirmaster

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REMINDER:

ANNUAL REPORTS

DUE JAN. 4

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FORMING:

A new Sunday School Class for adults will begin January 8th. The class, taught by John and Susan Hempill, will explore the following topics; "The Stages of a Person's Faith," and "Where Does The Church Fit In?" Future topics will be determined by the class. There will be an emphasis on fellowship as well as study. If you have questions about this new class, please call John or Susan at 584-4398.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - J. C. Dollar
Elizabeth Parker

3 - Dorothy Clem
Janet Mayse

4 - Betty Reynolds

6 - Hilda Oxford
John Truitt, Jr.

8 - Audrey Shumar
E. W. Brafford

10 - Emily Catherine Oxford
Martin Shotzberger

11 - Danny Law
Brian Rose

13 - Verona Danieley

14 - John Baxter

15 - Richard Daniel

16 - Bonnie Kirk
Shirley Alexander

20 - Jessie Hook
Eleanore Kittenger
Jennifer Poole

21 - Mark McAdams
Susan Barbee

22 - Bert Barbee

25 - Jennifer Timblin

26 - Page Edgerton

28 - Jerry Gammon
Fred T. Watts, Jr.

29 - Jamie Brown

30 - Leroy Hughes
Clara Noah

31 - Jim Underhill

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The members of the church staff wish to thank the congregation for the Christmas checks presented to us by the Moderator. Richard Daniel, though no longer on the staff, was also included, and asked to be included in this message. It is a privilege to work in this church. We are grateful to you all for your support. We wish you a joyous 1989!

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The annual offering for The Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross) has amounted to $334.00 as of December 18th.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Acolytes	Flowe
Jan. 1	Jim & Marion Underhill	E. Woody / Amy Rose	Huey
Jan. 8	Jeff & Marie Wilkins	M. Acquilano/E. Mayse	Drumm
Jan. 15	Bill & Susan Barbee	D. Danley/R. Harris	Cunni
Jan. 22	Chip & Robin McCraw	V. Herold/N. Hammond	W. Sm
Jan. 29	J. C. & Carol Dollar	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Long

Nursery Schedule

Jan. 1	Lou Harper
Jan. 8	Heidi Danieley
Jan. 15	Carol Dollar
Jan. 22	Verona Danieley
Jan. 29	Andrea Albertson

Worship Attendance for December

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